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CLUB GIVES A SWELL RECEPTION

Full Dress Reception to be Given on the 27th Inst.—Prof Jones' Orchestra, of Paducah, to be at Clancey's Hall on the 25th—Notes.

Cairo, Ill., Special.—The entertainment given at Twelfth and Walnut streets, for the benefit of the little members of the majors and pages, was well attended. A snug sum of money was raised. The mask given at Clancey's hall on the 15th, for the benefit of the Poplar Street Baptist church, was well attended. Mrs. S. M. Blackwell, of 2515 Poplar street, has received an invitation to the full dress entertainment on the 27th, at Mound City, Ill. Miss Pauline Owens, of Recluse, Ill., and Mrs. C. Thomas and Miss Maud E. Cook, of Mound City, Ill., were the guests of Mrs. Arfether Miller on the 15th. Miss A. C. Dumas made her mother a short visit. Mrs. Arfether Miller and Mrs. Suella Walker are visiting in St. Louis. The Pick-a boo Bonnet club gave a swell *reception* at the home of Mrs. N. Williams, 1503 Walnut street, the 15th inst. An excellent program was carried out. The opening address was delivered by Rev. Lane, followed by a selection by Prof. Overby's orchestra. A solo was rendered by Mrs. N. Williams. An address on "Common School Education," was made by James Nesbit. Mr. Jones was entertainer. Other participants were J. P. Williams, Misses Olivia and Mintie Taylor, R. Carson and Wm. Lancaster. Indoor games were indulged in.

Miss Mamie Hogan, 3104 Commercial avenue, sends regards to Miss Bettie Bailey, of Paducah, Ky. Mrs. Ella Davis, 209 Fortieth street, is on the sick list. G. V. Lane, of Mound City, will soon open an office for the Mutual Home company, in this city. Wm. Tally, of Joppie, Ill., was in the city on the 11th. Every good citizen is requested to be at Clancey's hall to-night; admission 10 cents. W. M. Walker captured a murderer from Kentucky, on the 9th inst., in the person of Wm. Foster. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard, 3106 Commercial avenue, are mourning the death of their 8 months old son. Mrs Geo. Caruthers, 1211 Walnut street, has presented her husband with a 13 pound girl. On the 10th inst., officers Lipe and Wooden made an important catch. They captured a white burglar, and upon search, found two gold watches, a lot of jewelry and a role of money. They received the congratulations of the public upon their skill. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, 510 Twelfth street, have suffered the loss of their little girl. They have the sympathy of their friends. The people living in the vicinity of Fourteenth and Poplar streets, thought a battleship had opened upon them last Sunday, when Richard Buckner and Officer Comling came together. Both men emptied their revolvers, but only one ball took effect. The officer had his arm broken. The churches are all preparing for Easter. Over one hundred invitations have been received in this city to attend the full dress reception at Mound City, on the 27th. Miss Myrtle Penny, of St. Louis, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Cora Doer, 427 Fifteenth street. Don't forget to be at Clancey's hall on the 25th, as Prof. Jones' orchestra, of Paducah, will be the attraction. Mr. and Mrs. George Carr entertained a number of little folks on the 12th inst., in honor of the 12th birthday anniversary of her daughter Blancha. It was a gala day for the little ones. Refreshments were served on a large scale. Misses Ida Bedford, Gertrude Jenkins, Gus Marshall, Emmett Madison and Tobe Beil entertained Miss V. Price, of Moberly, on the 13th at the residence of Miss Ida Bedford. A royal time was enjoyed by all. Charles Smith, of Fourteenth and Walnut streets, has a model grocery, and would like your patronage. Richard Taylor serves a free lunch at his sample room every Saturday night. Officers made a raid on the saloon of G. Childs, last Saturday night, and captured fifteen of the boys and charged them with gambling. For a first class meal call on Mrs. Maggie Picket, Twelfth and Commercial avenue. Robert Hogan would like to have his friends call at his barber shop, 1204 Commercial avenue, when needing a shave. Judge Graves, on Commercial avenue, has one of the best lady barbers in the state, and invites you to call. Miss Hattie Thacker, of Cedar street, has gone to Paris Town to spend the summer. The members of the Owl, Whist and Roosevelt clubs are requested to wear badges at Clancey's hall on the 25th. The Owl club members will find badges at the home of Mrs. Hattie Turner, 409 Commercial avenue. Harry Greer died suddenly on the 14th inst. The funeral was held at Kraml's Chapel, on Poplar street. Mrs. Catherine Jackson died at her home, 312 Thirty-second street, on the 13th. She leaves four children to mourn her departure. All persons desiring to become members of the Owl club are requested to be at the home of Mrs. Hattie Turner, 409 Commercial avenue, Monday night, the 24th. Read The Freeman and keep posted; it is for sale at 1503 Walnut street, Ed. Overby, agent.

FUTRELL CITY NEWS.

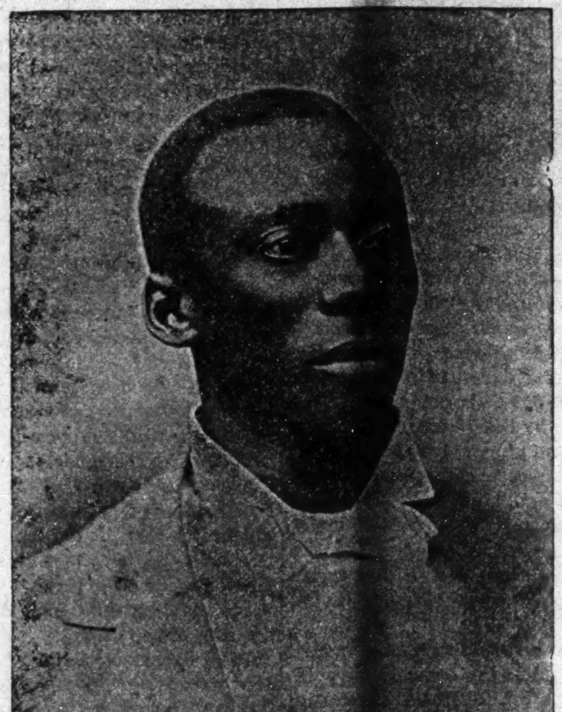
Mrs. Sinthy Besley has returned to her home, after a visit of four weeks to her brother, George Overby and family. Don't forget the grocery of Norway & company. W. M. Futrell will be glad to meet his brother, Birt Futrell, who will be here next Tuesday with Prof. Jones' orchestra. Miss Mollie Hawkins must keep her dog tied or meet the agent at the gate. Miss Hart is still on the sick list. Now is the time to settle the contention between Revs. Ford and King as to who is the pastor of the First Baptist church. Call a committee at once.

News, Social and Otherwise.

Houston, Tex., Special.—Mr. O. T. Wilson one of our highly respected city teachers, died here Feb., 27th and was buried from Trinity M. E. church, Saturday March 1st. His life was devoted to his race and his church, Miss Maggie Witherspoon has been quite sick but is better at this writing. A colored woman killed a white man here Sunday morning March 2d. It is said she was his mistress. The world is better off without such people—at any rate such women. Mr. Jas. Matthews has gathered the young men together for a social hop to take place soon. Mr. Oscar Runnels and Mr. Handsford Steward are going to visit the Charleston Exposition. Mr. Grant Williams is dangerously ill and his many friends hope he may soon recover. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Culbreath has assisted the correspondent here greatly in getting new readers. The Freeman is being read by a large number of the best people in the city. Be up-to-date and keep your eye on The Freeman. John Dawcer expects to go on the road this summer with his Afro-American ballad concert. It is reported that Mr. J. S. Green, the former correspondent of the Freeman here was quietly married last week Messrs. Wm. Deleston, W. H. Oliver and John Nasiway local Musicians in our brass band, enlisted in the U. S. A. band and left for the Phillipino Islands last week also, Chas. Taylor, Lucius Lomax and about 15 others enlisted for three years. The night they left the Cook's Rifles, Military company escorted them to the depot. The Zenda club has arranged with Prof. George R. House's Orchestra, of Galveston to play for their Easter Cotillion and concert, March 31st. This orchestra consists of ten pieces and ranks with the finest white organizations of the state. Court is in session and the black man with his hard head is getting the butt end of the senteuces as usual. Its funny that we do not learn how to stay out of the courts. Mr. James Wilson is spending quite a sum of money fixing the Solo saloon up, His fixtures are the finest in the city bar none. Martin Young of the Big Four saloon has added a new department to his place in the way of a hotel and has named it the Hotel de Martin. Kid is well known and the colored people expect lots of good from this young business here. See Sydney Gles for the Freeman. He is out every Sunday morning with the paper; also little Charlie Damon at Main and Congress streets. Tommy Jones is the only bootblack in the city who sticks to the Freeman. His stand is on Main street, where he is always buisy. The hotel men's banquet was the grandest event of the present social season. Handsomely dressed ladies and the young men in full dress, presented a sight beautiful sight. Long live the hotel men's association of Houston.

A Brilliant Literary Program.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—On Monday night, the 10th inst., a magnificent literary program and joint debate was given at St. Paul A. M. E church, under the auspices of the Young Men's Social club. The seating capacity of the church was taxed to its utmost. Dr. J. S. Flipper, the popular pastor, made an eloquent address of welcome. Allen Temple choir was very much in evidence. Miss Hattie Bolden sang an excellent solo. Mrs. Goodwin presided at the piano. Miss Mamie Logan read an excellent paper, and Rev. Dr. W. M. H. Heard, pastor of Allen Temple, delivered a short address, complimentng the young people, after which a joint debate was entered into upon the subject: "Resolved, That the right of suffrage was detrimental to the Negro." Miss W. M. Andrews and W. H. Hill represented the affirmative, and Miss E. W. Mathews and S. C. Nichols appeared for the negative. The negative won by five points. Quite a neat sum was realized. This church, under the leadership of Dr. Flipper, has taken rank among the leading churches of the city. The work on Bishop Turner's Tabernacle is being pushed and will soon be ready for use.



BILLY M'CLAIN,

An Old Indianapolis Boy, just recently arrived from Australia, now he and wife can be seen at their palatial home in Martindale Avenue.

Innovation to Amusement Loving Public.

To do good for the seekers of pure wit and humor is the latest ambition of Messrs Ernest Hogan and Billy McClain, authors, actors, directors and comedians.

The lives of great men would be of less value to the world than they are if their thoughts and actions did not live after them. Washington's fame does not rest upon his military achievements but on his commanding of the armies of the Colonies from the beginning of the war for Independance to its end and the solid ground upon which he planted the political structures of the revolutions and is a more enduring basis than which his title "Father of his country rests. As Solomon founded the Histronic Temple; as Shakespere founded the drama; as Andrew Carnegie has founded libraries and J. D. Rockefeller benefits the cause of education by endowing universities, so these ebony hued Thespenians declare in their own inimitable way, that they will return from the beaten path of those of their brethren and will endeavor to establish a new class of entertainment, that will appeal to the eye and hearts of the management and public and we feel sure that it will not only benefit the amusement loving public but it will make a paying proposition and like all other well regulated schemes they intend to deliver the goods and then get the money. No goods, no money. Think it over. Thousands will be interrested to know the success of these progressive Embryons. Having advanced ignorance as the reason for this premature decay we state the fact that there are a few germs or microbes that will make an attack upon this combined body, but our sole and only idea is to fight to establish a precedent, that will eclipse all former efforts ever attempted and we see no other method to harness the public only by living up to our assertions to the letter and by the will of the entertainment seekers we will endeavor to prove every letter in this category. Your amusement servants,

ERNEST BOGAN & BILLY MCLCAIN.

William Chandler Robinson.

Alexandria, Va., Special.—Friday night, the 14th inst., at the residence of Magnus L. Robinson, 606 S. Washington street, the president of the William McKinley Normal and Industrial school, of this city, was the scene of an interesting gathering of relatives of the family and a select number of repsesentatives of the race. The occasion was the christening of a bouncing big baby boy, the only grandson of President Robinson, who was born to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Robinson, Jr., twelve hours after President Theodore Roosevelt was sworn in as President. The wishes of the grand parent, who is an ardent ardent admirer of former U S Senator Wm. E. Chandler, "Who is one the best friends the colored race has ever had and still remains their staunch friend," as Mr Robinson sums up Mr. Chandler's attitude toward his people, were carried out by baptizing the little fellow William Chandler Robinson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Benj. T. Perkins, of Sandy Springs, Md., according to the beautiful rites of the Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. Perkins was assisted on this happy occasion by Rev. Robt. H. Robinson, of the M. E. church, the child's great grandfather, who in turn celebrated his 77th birthday anniversary on the 16th inst. It was, indeed, a picturesque scene to those present to see three generations of a family hale and hearty at the baptizing of a promising little fellow who will bear the name of a true and tried friend of the colored race. After the ceremony those present sat down to refreshments, to which, without saying, justice was done.

Church to be Remodeled.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—The State Street A. M. E. Zion church is to be remodeled, the work to begin April 1st. When it is completed it will be one of the finest Negro churches in the country. Rev. W. H. Davenport, its pastor, has the good will of the public. Big Zion and St. Emanuel A. M. E. churches are conducting revivals, and many souls are being converted. The Mystic society had their eighth annual ball at the Union Star hall on the 13th inst. It was said to be one of the grandest balls ever given in the city.

Knights of Pythias Lecture.

Ironton, Mo., Special.—Pythagoras Lodge No. 30, K. of P., was organinized August 24, 1901, since which time it has made rapid progress. They had the pleasure recently to listen to a lecture of S. J. Wilkins, Grand Lecturer, on Pythianism, and imparted much needed information. The banquet given in his honor was a grand affair and was largely attended. Mr. Wilkins complimented the lodge highly on their thoroughness in the work. An enjoyable time was had. Quarterly meeting was held at the Methodist church last Sunday, and the pastor, Rev. Hill, has gone to conference. Miss Sofrania Byrd, who has been sick, is much better. Mrs. Mattie Arnett is very sick. Walter Wright, of Bonne Terre, is visiting relatives here. George Brandum has gone to St. Louis. James Coleman has returned home. The band boys will give a concert in the near future.

A Few Words of Praise.

Kansas City, Mo., Special.—The Negroes of this city are full of race pride. They give The Freeman representative great encouragement and say it should find a place in every Negro home and place of business. It can be found on sale in this city at the following places: Willis Jackson, 576 Grand avenue; Langston's shaving parlors, 718 E. Eighth street; Nelson Crews' cigar store and barber shop, 806 E. Twelfth street, and at Ben McRay's, 917 Baltimore avenue. Elder Robert Watson died on the 13th inst., after an illness of four days, and was buried on the 16th. He formerly lived in Mississippi, but had lived here several years. He was buried with Masonic honors. He leaves a widow and six children.

Funeral of Rev. John Downs.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—The funeral of Rev. John Downs, of the M. E. church, was held last Sunday at 2:30 o'clock at the church. Interment was at Beach Grove cemetery. Rev. Downs had been ill quite a while with dropsy. He leaves a wife and two sons. The Second Baptist church is making elaborate preparations for Easter. A choir of sixteen voices will render music tor the occasion. The entertainment to be given by the Willing Workers' club has been postponed on account of the death of Rev. Downs. The drama given by the Progress club at Star hall on the 13th inst., was a success. The club realized a neat sum for their purchasing fund. Mrs. Ivy, of Whitley, is on the sick list. A Hindoo minister preached at the A. M. E. church last Sunday evening.

Masonic Annual Reception.

Syracuse, N. Y., Special.—Masonic Lodge No. 32, F. and A. M., will hold their 23d annual reception and ball at Freeman hall, Tuesday evening, April 1st. Kap's full orchestra will furnish the music. The committee is doing its best to make it one of the social events of the season. William Holden has established his factory at 506 E. Washington street, and is putting a large quantity of fresh candies and ices on the market every day. The Freeman will be on sale every Saturday at W. H. Crocker's shoe shining parlor, 330 E. Genesee street. Richard Stewart died on Wednesday, the 12th, at his home, 602 Cedar street. Mr. Stewart was born in Norfolk, Va. He was a member of several secret orders, all of which turned out at his funeral. He leaves a widow and a son. The Central City Dramatic club was called to Fulton Saturday evening to put on a drama, under the auspices of Mrs C. C, Wonders. The members acquitted themselves admirably.

Tunnel Across Harlem River.

But one other interesting feature of the work of construction need be described—the building of the tunnel across the Harlem River. Here a problem of selection was presented which for a time puzzled the engineers. More than thirty different plans, all of them feasible, were suggested. In the end the one which at first sight would seem the most difficult was decided upon. Two lines of sheathing were driven into the bottom of the river at a distance apart equal to the width of the channel. The planks were placed close together, so that when the wood swelled by the action of the water the joints became practically water-tight. A platform, called the "roff," was then rested on top of the sheathing, and a third wall, at right angles and touching the ends of the first two walls, completed a box which, when pumped dry, allowed the men to descend and dig out the bottom of the river, As the sub river soil was removed it became necessary to load down the roof of the box with weights in order to prevent the sheathing from floating. But half the width of the stream could, of course, be thus worked at a time, as navigation had to be kept open by the other half.—Pearson's MAGAZINE for April.

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JONES' ORCHESTRA

OFF FOR CAIRO, ILL., ON NEXT WEDNESDAY MORNING.

SOCIAL EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE.

The Concert Given on the 10th to be Repeated by Special Request—Base Ball Team Being Organized—A General Gleaning of News.

Paducah, Ky., Special.

Tobie James, steward on the "Lily," returned to St. Louis, after spending several months here with friends. George Grundy continues on the sick list. The concert at the hall on the 10th, was the best the public has had the pleasure of attending for some time. The costumes were beautiful and the performance fine. Remember that on Tuesday, the 25th inst, Jones orchestra carries an excursion to Cairo, Ill. The steamer "Dick Fowler" leaves the warf promptly at 8:30 a. m. It will be an excellent opportunity to visit relatives and friends in the "Egyptian City," spending Tuesday afternoon and evening and Wednesday until 4 p. m. Fare for round trip, $1.00. Jones' reception takes place at Clancey's hall Tuesday night. A nice time is assured all, Aaron Cherry, of Clark street, was sick last week with the grip. The concert given on the 10th by Price and Williams, will be repeated by special request. A colored druggist is wanted with a small capital in a town of 25,000 inhabitants. A good opening. Address J. W. Moore, 500 S. Seventh street. A crack baseball team is being organized by Herbert Johnson, Watt O'Hare and all the old base ball players. Doc. Grant is manager. Miss Izie Bilock and Curtis Trice are soon to be married. Rev. R. Christy, who produced his license a few days ago, has gone into the insurance business. Mrs. Lucinda Leith, of Harrison street, is visiting relatives in Metropolis. Mrs Maggie Holt entertained at dinner on the 16th Lawyer Townsend, John Glover, Ishmon Ewing and Rodney Perkins. Mrs. Addie Ore, of S. Eighth street, was thought to be dying at 12 o'clock on the 16th. J. A. Cole has returned to his business, after spending a week with his family. Miss Carrie Statefield is out again after an illness of two weeks. Mrs. Georgia Elam is going to St. Louis to reside this summer. Be on time Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock to catch the steamer "Fowler" for Cairo. Mrs. Pearline Harris and son Elmo, of Rives, Tenn., are visiting Mrs. Fanny Cherry, on Clark street. Mrs. J. A. Cole visited her son Tommie, in St. Louis, last week. Mrs. Bessie Watts, of Cairo, visited Miss Anna Boyd, of Finley street, recently. She will return home with Jones' orchestra on the 25th. Mrs. Laura Ray Alexander makes a hit nightly at the German village singing "Can You Blame Me for Loving That Man." Mrs. J. A. Cole, 320 S. Second street, wishes to know the whereabouts of her sister, Mrs. Lou Jones. When last heard from she was in Cleveland, O. The sick list: Rev. Burks is improving; Miss Willie O'Neil, of Washington street, is very ill; Mrs. Mahala Reed, of Harrison street; Willie Bigham, of S. Eighth street; Mrs Bettie Harlan and Robert Lee. The Knights of Pythias will have their annual sermon preached to-morrow at Burk's Chapel A. M. E. church at 2 p. m. Miss Eunice Johnson gave a delightful entertainment the 13th to her many friends. An enjoyable time was had. Miss Georgia Shells was tendered a surprise party the 15th by friends. Wm. Sherman and family will soon go to Louisville to reside.

News of a General Character.

Hannibal, Mo, Special.—S. Bell, who was burned at the St. Joseph shops sometime ago, is improving slowly. Miss Mona Morris, who has been suffering from a sprained ankle since last October, is able to be out again. J. H. Black died on the 13th at the age of 11 months. Mrs. M. Gasberry and son are on the sick list. Walter Leeper, who had a limb amputated, is getting along nicely. Mrs. George Lewis has returned from Denver, Col., where she was called by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. B. Fields. The concert at the Eighth and Center Street Baptist church, on the 13th, under the management of Mrs. Ross, was an enjoyable affair. Refreshments were served in abundance. The Freeman is for sale at C. Craig's barber shop, 117 Market street, and at W. Hampton's on N. Fourth street.

FARM AND HOME

THE MAN BEHIND THE PICK.

There has been all kinds of gush about the man wh› is "behind"—
And the man behind the cannon has been toasted, wined and dined.
There's the man behind the musket, and the man behind the fence;
And the man behind his whiskers, and the man behind his rents;
And the man behind the plough beam, and the man behind the hoe;
And the man behind the ballot, and the man behind the dough;
And the man behind the jimmy, and the man behind the bars;
And the Johnny that goes snooping on the stage behind the "stars;"
And the man behind the kisser, and the man behind the fist;
And the girl behind the man behind the gun is on the list;
But they missed one honest fellow, and I'm raising of a kick
That they didn't make a mention of the man behind the pick.
Up the rugged mountain side a thousand feet he takes his way,
Or as far into the darkness from the cheering light of day;
He is shut out from the sunlight, in the glimmer of the lamps;
He is cut off from the sweet air in the sickly fumes and damps;
He must toil in cramped positions; he must take his life in hand;
For he works in deadly peril that but few can understand;
But he does it all in silence and he never makes a kick
Which is why I sing the praises of the man behind the pick.
He unlocks the bolted portals of the mountains to the stores
Hid in nature's vast exchequer in her treasure house of ores.
He applies a key dynamic, and the gates are backward rolled,
And the ancient rocks are riven to their secret heart of gold.
Things of comfort and of beauty and of usefulness are mined
By this brave and quiet worker—he's a friend of human kind;
Who though trampled down and underpaid, toils on without a kick;
So I lift my hat in honor of the mand behind the pick.

—Colorado Springs Gazette.

The value of cattle food depends largely upon their digestibility. Some coarse foods are valuable, however, in assisting to digest the concentrated foods by giving bulk to the mess and separating the materials, especially when the coarse foods are reduced to a fine condition. Even if but a portion of the straw foods are digested, they are prepared for the manure heap by the animals, and are thus increased in value compared with wasteful use.

Pastures are injured more by keeping the stock on the land too long than from any other cause. If eaten off too closely the grass is more exposed in winter, and if the ground is too bare in summer the blades and roots of the plants will be scorched during a very dry season. If enough grass is left to protect the soil and cover it the pasture will be more productive. Pastures frequently become exhausted by the constant grazing, when an occasional rest and application of fertilizer will not only renew them but largely increase the yield of grass.

If farmers want to receive good prices for the horses they produce they must raise the kind that are in demand. In other words, they must study the markets in order to succeed. It does not pay to raise a horse that sells for less than a good steer will bring. Farmers must stop selling the best mares and breeding from the poorest. The cheap, underbred stallion must be avoided, and colts must be given such attention that they will mature in perfect form. There is nothing the matter with the horse market except that it is bare of the best kind of horses such horses as the farmers of the country bred a few years ago and sold at prices that made horse breeding profitable.

DAIRY NOTES.

Milk regularly. If you don't you are in danger of spoiling the cow.

Streaked butter is often caused by overworking or uneven salting.

If your cream is too thick, thin with water before the churn starts.

Matter that has been dissolved in the milk can not be taken out by the separator.

What you want to do is to develop a slight acidity in the cream and yet not sour it.

The cow does not put hairs or filth into her milk. It is the milker that does that. Avoid it.

Get through with the churning and washing of the butter as quickly as possible.

Much butter is spoiled by allowing the cream to stand too long and become sour.

Butter can be salted too much when it is dry salted, but not when it is brine salted.

A dairy is a great assistance to the soil, even the smaller ones helping materially to fertilize.

Milk separates most readily immediately after being drawn from the cow and before it has had time to cool.

One of the chief advantages in dairying is the steady income it is possible to secure from that business.

When butter is worked very dry, the grains of salt left in it are not dissolved but remain in a gritty condition.

General News.

Boiled Brevities.

Sorento, Ill., Special.—C. J. Walker, of Hacley, is in the city, the guest of his cousins, G. E. Hammons and E. T. Johnson. Wm. C. Johnson has gone to Alton to work on a farm. E. F. Johnson and Miss Edith F. Alexander, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Alexander on the 9th. J. E. Guyler, of Round Prairie, was here on business the 10th. Rev. Turner, of Greenville, was in the city on the 10th.

Conducting Revival Meetings.

Champaign, Ill, Special.—William Brewer made a flying trip to Bloomton on the 9th. Rev. James Rodgers, of Bloomington, Ind., has been conducting a revival at the Second Baptist church with great success. There have been several accessions to the church. Mrs. Martha Walden died on the 9th after a lingering illness. She leaves four children to mourn her demise. The funeral services were held at Bethel A. M. E. church, Rev. L. E. Christy officiating. Mrs. T. W. Stringfellow is meeting with success in the catering business, The A. M. E. choir is up-to-date with the addition of a cornet and violin. Rev. Christy is doing a great work in the up-building of the church Mrs. Nancy Harris is improving. Geo. Johnson, who has been suffering from dropsy, has been moved to the Burnum hospital for treatment. Mrs. Levenia Starks, has been called to Terre Haute, Ind., on account of the illness of her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Woode Mathews are out of the city visiting. The Christian Endeavor has been re-organized and is well attended by the young people. Nathan Dyer would like to hear from N. C. Newhouse and G. W. Carr, of Cairo, Ill. Mrs. R. E. Dyer is improving in health. Miss Mattie Washington, of Ohio, is in the city. Albert Allen, who has been suffering with rheumatism, is much better.

Quarterly Meeting Held.

Alton, Ill, Special.—Rev. N. J. McCracken presiding elder of the Quincy district, conducted quarterly meeting services at North Alton on the 9th. The church was too small to accommodate the congregation. Rev. J. P. Coats preached the sacramental sermon. Thirty-seven conversions and forty accessions have been the result of the revival just closed. A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin on the 8th, and to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Hamilton a girl, on the 7th. Interesting services were held at Allen Chapel on the 9th. Rev. J. P. Coats preached an eloquent sermon in the morning, and Rev. M. G. Newman occupied the pulpit in the evening. Rev. J. W. Summers, pastor of North Alton church, has been selected to preach the annual sermon to the K. of P.'s on the 23d. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kirk died on the 9th. Rev. J. W. Summers conducted the funeral services. The members of Allen's Building club will give a "pancake" social at the home of Mrs. Harriet Lytel this evening. The public is invited.

HONORED AT HIS HOME.

Special to The Freeman.

Shelbyville, Ky., March 6—For more than two weeks society has been astir, especially the members of the Woman's Improvement Club, numbering forty of Shelbyville's most active as well as most distinguished and talented women, overjoyed with the expectancy of the "home-coming" of their gifted son, Prof. Raymond Augustus Lawson, of Hartford, Conn.

Mrs. H. C. Weeden and Mrs. William Todd, presidents of said club, had called their several committees together and every arrangement had been perfected in the carrying out of their plans before the arrival of their honored guest.

Prof. Lawson received an ovation by the citizens Monday evening, March 3, upon his arrival, but a rarer treat awaited him on the following Tuesday evening, when the doors of the spacious and commodious Tabernacle Hall were thrown open by the Woman's Improvement Club and a banquet given in his honor. The decorations were elaborate—red, white and blue being the color scheme. Bunting, flags, trailing vines, ferns, palms, potted plants, American beauties, carnations and smilax made the hall appear as a veritable summer bower.

A program had been arranged, which was carried out, as follows:

Music, by Prof. Thomas' Orchestra; chorus by club.

"My Old Kentucky Home."

Invocation, by Rev. T. W. Hampton, pastor of A. M. E. church.

The welcome address was then delivered by Mrs. Lula M. Jackson, Missionary of the Baptist Woman's Educational Convention of Kentucky.

A more hearty welcome we have never heard extended one, as the speaker referred in an impressive way to the noble sacrifices of a faithful mother and an untiring father who had labored incessantly to make their boy the man he now is, and of what a bright star he is to be pointed out to each Negro boy and girl of Shelbyville as well as throughout the United States. And as she invoked God's richest and rarest blessings upon the mothers who had given to the race such noble sons, tears were seen to trickle down many a cheek, for joy of the few noble sons we have, for sorrow for the many we should have, and have not.

The response by Prof. Lawson was pathetic, as he related his boyhood days in his old Kentucky home, of the many, many years of hard study at Fiske and at Hartford, of the many friends made, both white and black, of honors striven for and won; and yet, after all, at home with mother, father, sister and friends who were delighted to pay homage, he preferred to lay aside all titles of distinction and be known ever, and spoken of always, as 'Gus," as in the happy days of his boyhood. His admonition to the young men aspiring to greatness was telling, and we believe will be effective; his appeal to the citizens to encourage, not only by word, but with their money, their deserving young men set many thinking of lost opportunities but future possibilities. His repeated thanks to the Woman's Improvement Club for its token of respect and hospitality was well received. He took his seat amid repeated applause.

The next number was a solo by Mrs. Lucretia Knox, of Indianapolis, Ind., an only sister of Prof. Lawson's. Mrs. Knox has long since distinguished herself as a singer of rare talent, having taken voice culture at Fiske. Her voice on this particular occasion seemed filled with unusual roundness and sweetness; she was accompanied by Prof. Lawson.

The rest of the program consisted of addresses and solos by different members of the club, interspersed with short talks by the clergy and professors, after which supper was served in the banquet hall, where covers were laid for one hundred. The tables were set in the shape of the letter L. Prof. Lawson was seated at the head; two hours were spent eating, listening to toasts and extending congratulations. Supper was served in courses, the color scheme being carried out, even to the ices.

On Wednesday evening the Woman's Improvement Club turned out enmasse at Layson's Opera House in attendance upon Prof. Lawson's piano recital, which was well attended by all of Shelbyville's music lovers. The program was classical and was rendered in a masterly manner. Beethoven variations C minor, McDowell improvisation, Chopin, Mendelssohn characterstuo'ke, Hopekirk serenade, Moszkowski Valse E. Major, were most excellently and artistically rendered, bringing down the house in repeated applause.

Mrs. Lucretia Knox sang a choice selection, and a hearty encore brought her back the second time.

Prof. Lawson left on Friday morning, March 7, for his home, Hartford, Conn. May peace and prosperity attend his way.

A FRIEND.

[Not only the Shelbyville papers, but several other eminently critical papers in Kentucky and elsewhere have complimented the genius of Prof. Lawson, which deserves classification with that of Joseph Hofmann and others of high rank, and The Freeman will take positive pleasure in publishing their critiques in its issue of next week.—ED.]

News of a General Character.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—We were visited by Prof., W. H. Council President of A. & M. College, of Normal Ala who delivered his famous lecture, "Building a Race," at St. John A. M. E. church Thursday night, March 6. Dr. R F. Boyd, the master of ceremonies and a member of the executive board of Mercy Hospital, made some very important remarks concerning the necessity of Negro institution of this character. Although the death has increased from 3 to 5 percent, the colored people of our city have been greatly benefitted. Hon. Settles a distinguished member of the Memphi's bar and the president of the Negro hospital of the metropolis of Shelby county was present and entertained the audience with a few encouraging remarks concerning the hospital. Hon. J. C. Napier. the president of the Mercy Hospital and other members of the board gave some very important as well as interesting remarks. Mrs. George A. Henderson, president of the woman's board of trustees under the auspices of whom the lecture was given, in a very fitting manner thanked the speaker of the evening and all friends who had in any way aided the board in its struggle in securing the necessities of the hospital. Mrs. Smith of 1216 Grant street, who was burned a few weeks ago is up again. Bishop Tyree preached in St. John's A. M. E. church last Sunday night. Prof. Elliott a student of Walden University and a member of St. John Sunday school was elected its superintendent last week at the annual election of teachers and officers. This election was to have been held in January but on account of the unfavorableness of the weather was postponed. We wish Prof. Elliott a successful administration. Nashville has one up-to-date furniture store why not two. Keep your eye upon J. M. Coffey, he is the right man in the right place for another creditable furniture store. Henry Edmonds, a graduate of the class of '98 of Meigs high school, is in the city. Mr. Edmonds has been teaching school in Paris Tenn., but is here on a short visit. Prof. Jacob Gray the president of the Industrial school at Hugh, Tenn., is doing good. This bright young man just fresh from the sacred walls of Walden University will give to Tennessee its Booker T. Washington, then Hugh will be to Tennessee what Tuskegee is to Ala., a ray of universal hope and a light to brighten the ignorant the superstitious and the ungodly Negro and make of them honest law abiding and God fearing Negroes. Don't fail to get The Freeman of Mr. Eakin, stations, 411 N. Cherry and 512 Cedar streets. Phone, 3343-4.

Tried Before a Colored Jury.

Los Angeles, Cal,, Special.—For the first time in the history of California, a young colored man (David Anderson) was tried before a jury of twelve colored men. Anderson was accused of stealing a $10 gold piece, but proved his innocence and was acquitted. The K. of P.'s gave a full dress entertainment at Elk's hall on the 6th inst., which was largely attended. Rev. E. T. Collman conducted quarterly meeting services at the A. M. E. church on the 9th. Rev. E. H. Hubbard, of Pasadena, delivered a sermon in the afternoon. B. W. Sykes left the city on the 5th for Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Cook, of Paris, Tex., has joined her husband in this city. Mrs. J. H. Shanks entertained in honor of Mrs. Cornelia Williams, of New York, on the 6th. Mrs. Williams has recently returned from abroad and is making a tour of the West. The parlor was handsomely decorated. Those assisted Mrs. Shanks in receiving were: Mrs. J. M. Rena and Mrs. S. A. Vena. The punch bowl was presided over by Mesdames Owens, Lewis and Woods. Among those from out-of-town were: Mesdames White, Odeneal and Washington, of Chicago; Mrs. Lee and Miss F. Weimes, of Pasadena, and Mrs. J. W. Maxley, of Santa Monica. Rev. Maxwell, a Congregational minister of Atlanta, Ga., who is here in search of health, is improving.

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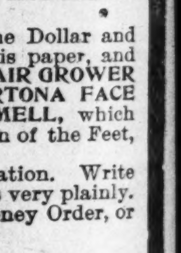

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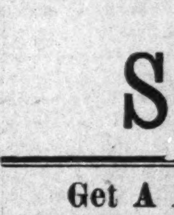

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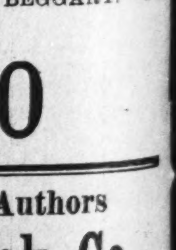

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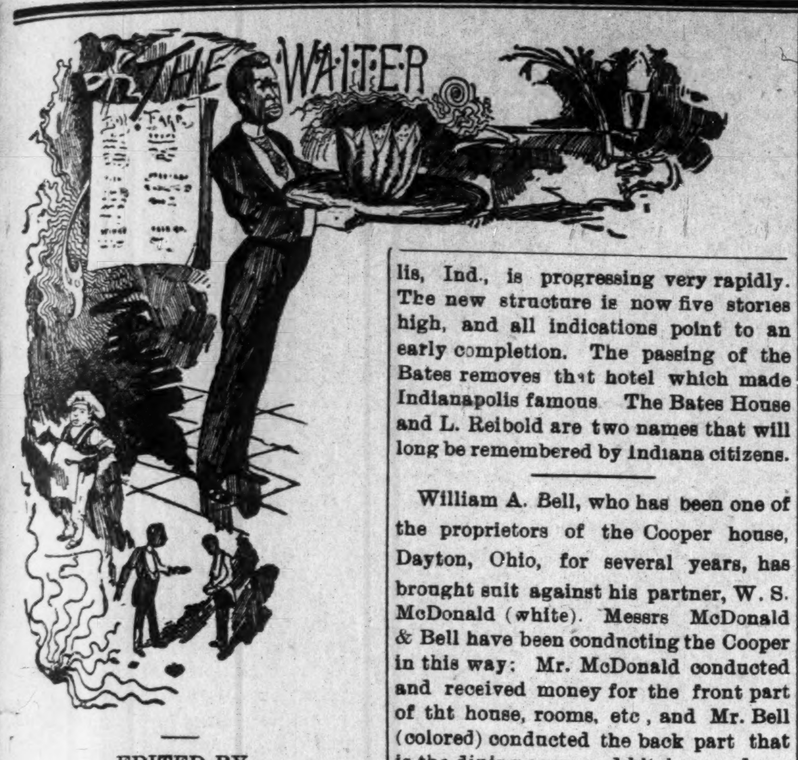

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Having been somewhat relieved of my "rumatics" by hot baths I threw my cane away and immediately left Hot Springs, Ark., for Chicago via St. Louis. Arriving in St Louis I began to look up evidence to convince me that there would be a World's Fair held in that city sometime during the 20th century, but the only evidence I discovered was the usual early influx of waiters and the great air temples so magnificently built by the daily papers. Why, one evening I passed a big vacant lot, and the next morning, when I glanced over the papers, to my surprise a 22-story hotel had been built on that lot in one single night. St. Louis is strictly a white waiters town, and the only sure thing I saw for the colored waiters was plenty of Mississippi water, and that is bad water, you know. Deliver me from St. Louis. GAD FLY.

The work on the new Claypool hotel, which is being built on the old site of the celebrated Bates House, Indianapolis, Ind., is progressing very rapidly. The new structure is now five stories high, and all indications point to an early completion. The passing of the Bates removes that hotel which made Indianapolis famous The Bates House and L. Reibold are two names that will long be remembered by Indiana citizens.

William A. Bell, who has been one of the proprietors of the Cooper house, Dayton, Ohio, for several years, has brought suit against his partner, W. S. McDonald (white). Messrs McDonald & Bell have been conducting the Cooper in this way: Mr. McDonald conducted and received money for the front part of tht house, rooms, etc , and Mr. Bell (colored) conducted the back part that is the dining room and kitchen, and pay so much rent per month for same. Meal tickets were provided the guest at the office and collected at the dining room door; all tickets were turned into office daily and accounts balanced. For some cause a friction arose concerning the board furnished the family of Mr. McDonald by Mr. Bell. As a result Mr. McDonald, so it is reported, hired a private cook and had his meals served in the dining room, and will not pay Mr. Bell for said privileges notwithstanding Mr. Bell has an agreement for exclusive dining room service. Mr. Bell now brings suit to enjoin Mr. McDonald from having meals served in the main dining room, which is against previous agreement. By hiring a private cook over Mr. Bell Mr. McDonald makes it appear that Mr. Bell's kitchen and dining room service is poor, and thereby has hurt Mr. Bell's trade, and Mr. Bell sues for $1,000 damage for same. If Mr. Bell can prove that he has the dining room privilege, which he no doubt can, we see no reason why he cannot win the suit, as Mr. McDonald has done him an injustice and a great injury, and the court will so rule. Mr. Bell is an ex-headwaiter and is rated as being one of Dayton's wealthy colored citizens.

Most every waiter believes that he is under fed and under paid, and they are ever ready for an increase in wages, yet there are few who are willing, or will, improve their abilities, deportment and general deficiencies to meet the emergency. Some waiters will ever go round and round in a dull thod, following in the old rut, and would not change even though they were paid fifty dollars per month.

"Prix de Pax" is sometimes very expensive, and often humiliating, especially in the hotel business where some guest believe that they own the employes, both body and soul, but the side or headwaiter who goes around the hotel with a chip on his shoulder looking for trouble will soon discover, after all, the "price of peace" to be reasonable, very reasonable in the end. Do you savie?

The ways of the transgressor is hard, his path is undermined with many traps and snares, he wears a crown of thorns and he is always in or trying to elude the meshes of the law. We have just been informed that another incompetent, whisky head and gambling headwaiter has met his doom. Moral: Your sins will find you out. The mills of the Gods grind slowly, but justly.

"Bill Dooly" is a great fellow, judging from what we have heard of him, and he seems to be well liked by many of the Texas waiters. We have never met Mr. Dooly, but if we ever do we will doo (ly) him. Perhaps Mr. Thos. Green could arrange for us to meet him as they seem to be pals.

The impolite, indolent and gruff waiter is always kicking about not receiving tips. Why of course not. Why should he?

Wm. Hutton, well-known in Annaconda, Mont., and formerly headwaiter at the Davidson hotel, Milwaukee, Wis., is now at the Hot Sulphur Wells hotel, San Antonio, Tex. Mr. Hutton's home is in Texas. He sends regards to all of his western and northern friends.

Chas. F. Smith, well-known in Chicago, Ill., St. Paul, Minn., and other eastern cities, is now steward at the Overlan Club, Butte, Mont. Mr. Smith is also well known at the Manmoth hotel, Yellowstone National Park, where he spent several seasons away back in the 80's, when times were good. We are much pleased to learn of Mr. Smith's success.

Hotel news from Columbus, O.—We are glad to inform Cicero Wooten through this column that Mr. Seymour Gibbs can be found at the Chittenden Hotel, Columbus, O., and hope he will not take him away from us as Mr. Gibbs is one of our main workers in the W. B. A. The oldtime waiters of Columbus are glad to hear of such good reports of our old friend, Lee Lampkins, for well we remember when he was a prominent figure around the old historical Neil House, which walls have figured in a prominent part of every political campaign in Ohio. The history of the Neil House has been a brilliant one—having always been conducted in a thoroughly up-to-date manner. W. R. Simpson is again candidate for assessor of the 12th ward and we feel sure of his election for in his last election of that office he ran way ahead of his competitors. We take special interest in Mr. Simpson, as at the time of his election a year ago he was a waiter in the Great Southern Hotel, and if more of our young men would take pattern after Mr. Simpson, they would be better off; but instead of trying to elevate themselves, and learn something that will benefit them. They spend their leisure hours in laying around saloons drinking whisky, playing cards, pool, etc., and if they get out of a job, in a week's time they are broke, hungry and half the time no fit place to sleep, and I will say right here, if the colored waiters would change their tactics and save their money the problem would not be so hard, Instead of reading good books and race journals, they are always trying to figure out a "gig" in policy. Warren Haws and John A. Jones, are again back at the Great Southern cafe. The waiters don't seem to have much of a feast on the legislative people as they thought they would. The boys calls them "hayseeds." Richard Garrett, the hat man of the Neil House is making quite a hit; he is learning the business very rapidly and seldom misses a hat. The one thing in his favor, he is polite and has a gentlemanly bearing that goes along ways with the public. Fred Jones is expecting to go to Minneapolis, Minn., shortly. Success to you Fred. A. L. HARRIS.

Milwaukee Notes.

Richard Rund, who has been employed at the Plankinton for the last twenty years as bellman and ladses' entrance man, has been appointed as head bellman to succeed Capt. C. J. White. We congratulate Mr. Rund upon his success. Mr. Rund is a graduate of the high school of Springfield, Ohio. At one time he held a clerkship in the postoffice, Mr. W. P. Camee did not make any mistake in selecting Mr. Rund as his head bellman. Lee Robinson and Thos. Moore have resigned their positions at the Plankinton and left for the Windy City. Rev. Toney Peny of Smithville, Texas, is in the city. Rev. Peny was employed at the Plankinton a number of years ago as waiter for eight years. Rev. Peny is a graduate of Wilberforce, Ohio. Rev. Peny was compelled to come North on account of ill health. He has returned to his former occupation as waiter, and can be found at the Plankinton until Dec. 1, 1902. Mr. Peny owns some very valuable real estate in Houston and Austin, Texas. Bro. Peny, we extend you a cordial welcome back to your old home. Prof. F. E. Dixon of Lake Mills, is in the city and may be found at the Plankinton. Through the kindness of Mr. William Plankinton the wife of Geo. Harwell, who has been lying seriously ill at 194 Fourth street, has been removed to Passivent hospital, where she can receive proper attention. Richard Reed was united in marriage on the 26th ult., to Miss C. Jackson of Washington, D. C. Dick, old boy, we congratulate you and wish you all the prosperity and happiness in the business of marriage bliss. A. V. Rainey, who left the Plankinton as a waiter, fourteen years ago, to accept a position as letter carrier for the Wisconsin general railroad office, is still holding the position with credit to himself and general satisfaction to the company. He subscribes for The Freeman by the year. Horrace Rice has been appointed by J. J. Miles to solicit subscribers among the waiters of the Plankinton for The Freeman. A great many of the old help (white) who have been employed at the Plankinton from five to twenty years have resigned their positions since the change of managers The head bartender, bowling alley man, night clerk, checker of the cafe and several others have gone to the Midland, Kansas City. We understand there are others to follow in their wake, but no colored help will leave their happy home as they know when they have a good thing—there are millions in it. Never in the history of the Plankinton was the colored waiters put to a test of their ability as waiters as on the 22d of February, Washington's birthday. The Old Settlers held their banquet of 250 people in the main hall, and the Jefferson Democratic club held their banquet in the French room at the same hour to the number of 166 people, and the six o'clock dinner being in progress in the banquet hall at the same time, the manager wanted the headwaiter to let the white waiters serve one of the banquets or the six o'clock dinner, but he was politely informed that the colored waiters would take care of themselves, which they did with satisfaction to the guests and manager.

Hotel News from Cleveland, Ohio.—Frank Moss secured a position at the Batchelors' club, 600 Prospect street, recently. George Dodge is still holding the fort at the Colonial club, also John Bennett. Wm. Honley, better known as Prince Honley, seems to have his way at the Hollenden house. It is because he is a good man and an up-to-date manager of his profession as headwaiter. Luther Johnson is the best known headwaiter in the city. He is in charge of a caterer's establishment for Mr. Edward Weisgerber, one of the most extensive caterers in the city. Mr. Johnson can see a dirty dish farther than some waiters can scent a roasted turkey. Edward Rial is in charge of Mr. DeKlyn's dining room. G. W. Thurston is holding the fort at the Forest City hotel. H. T. Eubanks is back home again at the Weddel house. Silas Foster is in charge of the American house. Joe Ricks is at the Kennard house. It is funny how some men will roast you when you let a tray of dishes fall.

CLEVELAND MYSTERY.

Mr. Nathaniel Lowery is the head waiter at the Intermont, Covington Va. which position he has held for about fifteen months. This house does not carry a large corps of waiters, during the winter but when the summer season begins this year there will be a large force of well trained waiters to serve the large number of guests that stop at this hotel which has three hundred and fifty rooms. Junious Mason is the chef and Elizah Pollard, Virginia's well known baker is in charge of the bakery. Mr. Chas. Adams is the head porter and Mr. M. W. Daniels is secretary. The Freeman has just made its appearance in our community and we are all pleased with it and shall give it our liberal support.

Hotel Notes from St. Paul, Minn.—Joe Johnson is on the sick list, being confined at his home with la grippe. C. Saunders is temporary second waiter in Mr. Johnson's absence. Hope Mr. Johnson a speedy recovery. The Ryan served a banquet on the 27th of three hundred and fifty plates to the hardware men. Mr. E. Johnson, formerly of the Plankinton, Milwaukee, Wis., who has been railroading recently, is back at his old stand at the Ryan. W. N. Taylor of the Duluth Spaulding house is back, and is now at the Ryan hotel. James Stewart, formerly of the Plankinton House, Milwaukee, Wis., wishes to be remembered to all the hotel fraternity. I wish to extend my thanks to The Freeman for its courteousness in behalf of my business. C. SAUNDERS

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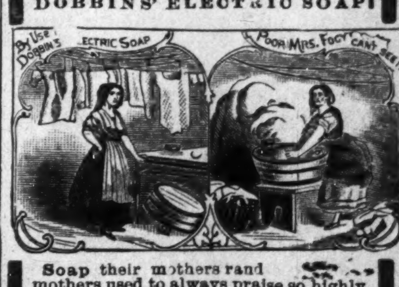
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TAKE CARE.

The repeated conferences of the Republican representatives in Congress, convened to consider the proposed tariff reduction on Cuban sugars, demonstrate beyond any doubt the grave mistake that was made in ever bringing the question up.

The forces are divided, and divided too on the very essence of Republican doctrine, that of protection. No matter what, if any, compromise may be effected, an entering wedge has been permitted, and the possibility of grave danger is by no means remote. Whether the one or the other side may be successful in the end, the sore has been made; and even if any compromise should be brought about, that great truth remains, that "comprises are settlements satisfactory to neither side," and the sore is there a festering and disturbing element.

Based upon a puerile and unfounded sentiment, that this country still owed Cuba a debt over and beyond the great obligations already heaped upon her, and backed by the undoubted greed of the Sugar Trust for the rich plum about to fall, the party has been brought face to face with its present dilemma.

We accord every one the right of his own convictions; but we are pleased to know that on the side of the people, battling for the great Republican faith, are some of the giants of our party. Nor did they hesitate to boldly point out the dangers of the movement.

Wm. A. Smith, of Michigan, openly announced at one of the conferences that "He would not follow the House organization and leadership when it stumbled as it was now doing."

Congressman Dick, of Ohio, than whom no one is better posted whereof he speaks, having been on the campaign committee, and having been specially charged with that branch of the work, regarded the move as one of grave import. He argued that the question of protection to agricultural products was the prime factor in Republican success, and is quoted as saying: "But for their (the farmers) general and hearty support this would not be a Republican House, nor would a Republican President be seated at the other end of the avenue," winding up with the statement that the proposed legislation "would be a tactical mistake of the first magnitude."

Littlefield, of Maine, one of the strongest debaters and greatest orators in the House, is also aligned with the forces fighting for supremacy of the Republican faith. He sees the danger and stands ready with all his eloquence to battle against it.

And so we might go on giving name after name, but the very admission by Speaker Henderson, Payne of the Ways and Means Committee, Dalzell and Grosvenor of the Committee on Rules, and Cannon of the Appropriation Committee, made to the President, when discussing the temper of the House regarding Cuban reciprocity, that to force through a reduction of the duty on Cuban sugar would simply raise "hell," was a truthful prophecy most forcibly expressed.

The matter, apparently of such small concern, effects not only the cane planters of Louisiana and the beet growers of the West, but is in reality of great and serious concern to the Republican party.

In the interest of good faith, and of more than promises made, in the interest of the very preservation of a doctrine that has so honored the party and brought prosperity to the country, we appeal to all our congressmen to stand firmly by protection.

AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

There are those who are moaning the fate of Charles W. Brown, the defeated candidate for the legislature. His defeat is to be deplored, but ought to be considered as simply the outcome of the election. True, Mr. Brown is a colored man, and for that reason we stood by him. But there are others who saw no color in the business and voted for men as they felt them fit. Thus again arises the conflicting theories of our racial progression. Mr. Brown's defeat is lamented and chargeable to the fact that he is a colored man, and of course defeated by white men. On the other hand white men have been made to understand that the colored brother desires to stand on his merit, accepting defeat in the same sense as other men; simply because he did not have enough votes to elect him. It is very evident that we cannot play both games. If we go out soliciting votes on account of our race under the known conditions, then we simply perpetuate lines elsewhere and that is what, it is said, we are trying not to do—perpetuate race lines elsewhere. Inject a little philosophy in this business, or better, a little horse sense ank avoid future political shoals.

Mr. Blair, for justice of the peace, was without doubt sacrified. If not at the polls then before the election. The bringing out of two candidates against him plainly showed that he was marked for slaughter. It was on the theory that any man had the right to aspire, and may the best man win, which was in opposition to the theory held regarding Mr. Brown. Such a condition could not help Mr. Blair. The colored voters had fitness for a motive in Mr. Blair's case, and race in Mr. Brown's. On the score of fitness Mr. Blair's expected vote was torn in as many pieces as there were candidates, numbering thirty, and into three parts on the race theory, receiving 3,336 votes, Moore, one of his colored opponents, 866 votes and Mack, the other, 1,014 votes. The next highest vote above Mr. Blair that was sufficient to nominate was 4,446 Now who defeated Mr. Blair? And furthermore in many precincts where the colored voters were numerous the tail end of the ticket was not thought of. Many and many a ticket was voted marked ouly for the three or four chief candidates. This loss, however, was made up by the many colored men who voted for Brown alone on the county ticket and Blair on the township ticket. It tells its story; while some men were mad with race love others were equally indifferent with the known results.

Mr. Brown's 5,550 votes, the greater majority from his own people, is a splendid tribute to him. Yet, with all that, in many cases he was not thought of as the ballots will show. The vote above him sufficient to nominate was 6,725. Thus it will be seen that with more care for Mr. Brown's interest, purely from a race standpoint, he would have been nominated. It will be presumed that 1,500 whites voted for Mr. Brown who knew the political value of such action. It may be imagined that 75 per cent of the colored vote was out, perhaps 90 per cent. Ninety per cent of 6,000 votes, the estimate of the county is 5,400 votes. If the guess at the white vote is anything like correct, Mr. Brown too had some Achilles in his camp.

"Counted out" is a cry, but when the situation is thoroughly studied, the conditions properly considered, it will be seen that the colored candidates got all that was coming to them.

COLORED VOTE BEAT BRAYTON.

Dr. Nelson Brayton, son of Dr. A. W. Brayton. who was a candidate for the Republican nomination for coroner, cites the following figures as showing how the colored vote helped Tutewiler in his opposition to Bayton.

Fifth ward, Second precinct, George Yanthis, colored, precinct committeeman: Tutewiler, 87 votes; Brayton, 3 votes.

Sixth ward, Eighth precinct, Charles Stapp, colored, committeeman: Tutewiler, 165; Brayton, 10. Seventh precinct, Henry Jackson, committeeman: Tutewiler, 108; Brayton, 14. Second precinct: Tutewiler. 76; Bayton, 11.—From the Indianapolis News.

We reproduce the above bit of information that the colored voters may write the moral. Mr. Tutewiler made a stirring canvass, and he is an amiable gentleman who knows how to be friendly and popular, but we do not like the idea of seeing him have such great majorities in colored precincts alone.

QUO VADIS?

Senator Fairbanks delivered one of the greatest speeches upon the Philippine question yet made. And, of course, he is the kind of man that can do those things.—Atlanta Age.

The above from Col Pledger's paper of Atlanta is significant because he is who he is. The colonel started out a Fairbank's man, but that was before Mr McKinley's death, after which Pledger was made chairman of the State Republican Committee of Georgia, which appointment, it is thought, bespoke Roosevelt interest. Is it possible that the old war horse sniffs danger? Is he spreading his sails for the stoutest wind? It will be borne in mind that the chairman in the Southern States is the paramount thing in politics when it comes to the Republican party. But why impugn his motive? Simply because it is the price paid for greatness Every act misconstrued. The doughty colonel is interesting, and will grow more so until the next National Convention.

At present Dr. J. R. A. Crossland, of Missouri, the appointee as Minister to Liberia, is seriously ill. The outcome of his sickness cannot be predicted. Hopes are entertained of his recovery, but he is said to be a very sick man.

THE PRINCE AND THE SINGERS.

Anent the visit of Prince Henry President Schieffelin, of the Armstrong Association, said that a pleasing incident of the concert given by the singers sent by the association for Prince Henry on Saturday had been left out by those who told of what happened.

After the singing by the students, Prince Henry was told that Booker T. Washington was present, and immediately evinced a lively interest. He spoke to Admiral Evans, asking that Mr. Washington be presented This was done, and the Prince and the Negro educator chatted together for fifteen minutes Prince Henry asked Mr. Washington if the songs he had heard were in printed form, and on being told that they were, asked that a copy of the book be sent him. This will be done Turning to the students Prince Henry said, in part:

I thank you very much for your beautiful songs which I have enjoyed hearing I believe music is a gift from heaven to men and women, and I do hope you will cherish your melodies in order that they may be perpetuated.

The visit of Prince Henry will be remembered by the colored people owing to the fact that he saw fit to show his appreciation for their talent and ability as expressed in their singing. Singing, as it goes, is not held in the highest esteem by many, but the Prince strikes it right when he says it is a gift of God to men and women. It is a gift indeed, and happy is the happy possessor of the gift. The sciences may be learned by all that are blessed with sound minds—they are product of the schools, but singing, the ability to sing is a Divine endowment that comes not to every man. It would be better for mankind were they endowed in common with singing hearts, and per adventure such was the nature of man at his creation, but as through Adam all men sinned and brought death into the world, it may be that the withholding of the gift is but another "visible" manifestation of the Creator's displeasure when Eden was lost to man.

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The Germans, the foremost scholars of the world, seem to hold their great learning as but a necessity that fits them for the world in which they are to move, and especially those of the business world and the professions, while music is the great desideratum and which, while demanding attention as a science, contributes pleasure as an art.

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The Negroes of America, as has long been said, and well said, are among the great natural musicians of the world. For two hundred years the chariot of their hopes swung low in this country. That rich guttural with which nature endowed the man of the bush mixed and mingled with half ignorance and half intelligence, grief, joy, hope, despair, keyed him up to a dolor at once strange, sometimes weird, tainted always with strains melancholy, the truest reproduction of the soul's status. His daily sorrows expressed in tone language not only cause the singer, not the imitator, to reel, rock and tremble at the soul's emotion, but has an affect in kind on the listener.

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The wisdom of God was here manifest. These songs, high wrought feelings brought surcease from sorrow—antidotes against the ills of his life which was so dark that he could not see one step of the way. The haven was in the songs—the hope was beyond the grave. Beyond this he knew nothing. His past obscured by ignorance, even to the confines of his own great country lying languidly between the Eastern seas. His future charged with hope and doubt, doubt and hope until the soul cried out, "O Lord, where am I, what am I?" These songs that please sprang from this mixed inheritance, hence a new music with grief as its ground tones.

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Prince Henry has done well to pay tribute to that which is purely of Negro origin; a nation's travail told forth in song. Scott's "Last Minstrel" told the stories of Scotland in words; the Negroes' story is a song without words. Words are not the appreciable part of their songs—its the tone. It matters not what they say; for often it is nothing, yet the eyes glisten and the tears start at "O, Lord, O, me, O, me, O, Lord," sang as the unlearned Negroes can sing those words. There is saving power in song. The heart well filled with song can scarcely entertain the meaner aim.

JUDGE E. F. CROOK EXPLAINS.

OXANNA, ALA., CALHOUN COUNTY,
March 14, 1902.

Editor Freeman.—As a friend of my race and as your humble servant I send you the following piece of news, which concerns how the Negroes of this city, county and state are treated under the new constitution. I went up in the court house to register as I had paid poll taxes, street taxes and never have been convicted of any crime in this state or no other state in the Union, so far as that goes, but was told I could not register by the three registrars. I just cut this out of a daily Democratic paper called the Evening Star, of Anniston, Ala.:

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Editors Evening Star.—I am in receipt of numerous letters making inquiry as to what is necessary in order to register. I cannot answer all of these letters, and ask that you give this explanation through the Star and Republic Every white man, not guilty of a crime, living in this county is entitled to register.

I do not believe the new constitution under which we now live prohibits any white man from registering, unless he is guilty of some one of the crimes enumerated therein. The registrars are polite, accommodating gentlemen, and will register you without asking any offensive or unnecessary questions. If you are a white man you will have no trouble in getting your name enrolled. You cannot vote in the future unless you are registered, but being registered alone will not give you the right to vote.

If you register this year it will be for life. The duty before you now is to register, and the other matters will come up later and adjust themselves as they are reached. You will not be required to show a poll tax receipt in order to register. The registrars have nothing to do with the question of whether you have or have not paid your poll tax, and will not mention that to you. It is easier to register under the present plan, but next year you may not then be able to meet the requirements, so go now and attend to this duty. Get your registration certificate and file it away. There is no penalty for registering.

If you fail to have your name on the Registration Record it will give rise to the suspicion that you are guilty of some crime, therefore for the sake of your good name, and that of your children, have your name on this book which will be public record in my office, subject to examination by the world. Because you failed to pay your poll tax is no reason why you should fail to register. They are separate and distinct propositions.

If you fail to register now under the life plan you may never be able to register. If you have failed to pay your poll tax that will only disfranchise you this year as you can pay up next winter, reinstate yourself and be ready to vote in the future, provided you register now. You see the importance of registering under the present life plan, which simply requires that you have a white skin. If you have failed to pay your poll tax remember that does not prevent your registering, go and register. Don't fail. —Emmett F. Crook in Anniston Evening Star.

It is evident from the above that there is something rotten in the constitutions and that they do not operate equally according to the theory advanced by the gentleman of Louisiana.

The following from some influential citizens of the South is significant.

"We profoundly regret the position that some our leading colored papers take on this subject. The impression seems to prevail that if Congress compels the South to cut down its Congressional representation in so far as it has disfranchised any of its citizens, this would of itself be an admission that the South had a right to disfranchise the Negro as a race. We understand that your excellent paper, The Freeman, has inclined to such a view. We do not think, however, that The Freeman is wholly committed to this view, but that it is willing to do whot seems best calculated to preserve our constitutional rights here in the South.

The Freeman has no such view. It has maintained that the late disfranchising enactments violated the general constitution in that they aimed at a peculiar people of a peculiar color, and because of this confliction between the states' and general constitutions the clear intent of the general constitution is that such conflicting constitutions should be null and void.

If, as the letter sets forth, the new states' constitutions operate equally, the prayed for reduction is not a matter of peculiar concern to a particular people, but the whites, the blacks should be jointly interested.

The proposed Congressional Committee of thirteen for investigating the election laws of the disfranchising states will find that the general constitution has been violated and hence their constitutions operate in violence to the general constitution, or they will find that the constitutions of the states as they concern the elective franchise do not do violence to the constitution because they serve all men alike. If the committee finds in the first instance the states' constitutions will be subjected to attention by the supreme court and if in the second the law of reduction of representation in all likelihood will prevail.

Prosperity at home and depression abroad are cited as the principal causes of the continued fall in the exportation of manufactures of iron and steel. Two items in the exports of the United States now show a marked reduction compared with those of last year—corn, and manufactures of iron and steel. Exportations of corn in the eight months ending witq February 1902 amounted, according to the preliminary figures of the Bureau of Statistics, just issued, to only 29,912 875 bushels, against 132 624 859 bushels in the corresponding months of the preceding fiscal year, the value being in the eight months ending with February 1902 $13,683,200, against $60,621 569 last year, a reduction in this single item of $46 938 369. This reduction, of course, was caused by the shortage in the corn crop due to the drouth of last summer.

The colored and white citizens of Chicago who live in the vicinity where the parents of Lewis F. Wright, the Negro minstrel, reside, have organized and raised a large sum of money with which to employ counsel to bring proceedings against the county of New Madrid for the lynching of Wright several weeks ago. It is hoped that the effort will bring the desired result.—The Rising Son, Kansas City, Mo.

"When man becomes the owner of a piece of land and a decent house and a bank account, I notice at once a conservative, law-abiding citizen and one who can be trusted to vote intelligently for the best interests of the community in which he lives."—Booker T. Washington.

"Plato thou reasonest well, etc" Of course Mr. Washington has his own people in mind. But his philosophy can well be applied to all the people. But the colored people certainly stand in need of the things proposed by Mr. Washington. The tax payer thinks because it is to his interest to do so.

The Republicans at their primary election, last week, nominated what is considered a good ticket, taking it all in all. The colored contingent of the party feel that they were floored in that not one of their four candidates pulled through. There is much feeling and some talk of getting even, but it is very likely it is but mist and will soon clear away. A few good men went down, not that they were beaten by better men, because they were as a rule, all good men.

The primary election law is not wholly a success, and cannot become so until it throws around the voter the same restraints that are noticed under the Australian system. This would mean an enormous expense to the city, county or state, but it is very likely that some such amendments will be added to the Joss law.

Knox College and Beloit College of Illinois in their coming debate the proposition: "Resolved that the 15th Amendment has not been justified." It is safe to say all eyes will be on Knox and Beloit until the result is announced.

Bishop Abraham Grant of the A. M E. church gave a lecture at Wayman chapel, Monday night. Subject, "The Duty of the Hour." His talk was in strict accord with the needs of the people.

Bishop Alexander Walters, of the A. M. E Zion church, is in the city for a few days. He expresses himself as hopeful of a successful issue of the Louisiana disfranchisement cases.

AMONG THE EXCHANGES.

So far Senator Chas. W. Fairbanks of Indiana, is the only old-school Republican in the field for the Presidency in 1904. He is from a good State, and, like Benj. Harrison, he would make a good President. Public opinion throughout the United States is moving daily to a more just appreciation of men of his school.—National Leader, Washington, D. C.

When the separate street car ordinance was passed in Jacksonville, Fla, some time since, the Negroes of that city boycotted the cars.

They bought carriages and extemporized express wagons and set up a persistent opposition. They kept up the boycott day and night until the street car company was compelled to give in.

The backbone of the opposition ofiginated with the women, who threaten a boycott of the men of the race if they dared to ride in the separate cars. The company has taken off the separate cars and all passengers are treated alike. Too much praise cannot be given these women.

The boycott system has been tried in several cities, and this is the first time that it has been entirely successful.—Exchange.

A NEGRO HONORED.

Herbert Cummings Sails With Prince Henry as Special Table Decorator.

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When Prince Henry, of Prussia, sailed on the Kronprinz Wilheim last week after his hurried tour of the principal cities of the United States, Mr. Chas. Thorley of the large floral establishment at 1179–81 Broadway, this city, delegated Herbert Cummings to accompany the Prince as special floral decorator. Mr. Cummings has been in the employ of Mr. Thorley for the past seven years, and it was on account of his superior and excellent taste that he was selected to fill this important commission. When the ship sailed there were on board two hundred American beauty roses, three hundred smilax and four hundred assorted roses, all in the personal charge of Mr. Cummings. Mr. Cummings will decorate the dining table for all of the dinners to be given by the Prince until he arrives in his native land. Mr. Cummings is expected back to New York in about seven weeks. Before he left Mr. Thorley gave him a draft for $700 to defray all of all his personal expenses while on the trip. Mr. Thorley has floral establishments in London, Paris and Berlin and employs quite a number of colored men. It is rumored that Miss Alphena Davis and John Doe will be married during the month of September.

On Friday of las week Mrs. Mary Ann VanDyke celebrated her one hundred and eleventh birthday at her home 1808 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn. Her mind is still vigorous and she climbs without trouble the two flight of stairs to her rooms. She was born in slavery in the Cortelysee family, of which President Roosevelt's secretary is a member. Eight children all born in slavery are dead, and the only relatives who visited her on her birthday were her grandchildren.

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Items of Interest.

Lorain, O., Special,—The rally at the Second M. E. church was a success. Mr. and Mrs. Chas Poet are all smiles. It is a girl. Mrs. M. Parsons of Oberlin was the guest of Mrs. Holt last week. Miss Golda Carmon, of Charles street has returned from Fostoria where she has been visiting her brother, Alford Dyer who is very ill. Mrs. Grace Mason has gone to Monesson, Pa., to visit her sister Mrs. Jessie Williams. She will also visit Cadiz, O. Rev. Spels, of Woster, O., preached at Second Baptist church March 9. Rev. F. P. Roberson, of Rust Church, Oberlin preached an able sermon to the W. H. M. Society at the Second M. E. church, Sunday. Mrs. Gertie Ford has returned from Dayton, Ohio, where she and her son have been visiting her parents. Our sick, Miss T. Moore and Mrs. A. Randolph, are better. Mrs. L. Fugerson of Fifteenth Avenue is very ill. Messrs. W. Ingram, William Anderson and R. Rulley have returned from Southern Indiana after four weeks' stay at Mitchell. They did not like that part of the state, but spoke highly of North Vernon and Seymour.

Terse Topics.

Toledo, O., Special.—St. John's Commandery, No. 5, Knight's Templar will give a grand concert at the Auditorium March, 31. The famous uniformed orchestra of Columbus, O., will furnish music Phil Miller, of the Hottest Coon in Dixie Co., is guest of Pearl Barber. The company played to crowded houses during their four days stand. The Daughters of Jerusalem had their annual sermon preached at Warren A. M. E. church Sunday by Rev. Blackburn. The Stock company met at Third Baptist church March 17. We hope our young people will invest their money in shares so that in after years they may see the fruits of saving. Miss Lossie Honly is guest of her sister, Mrs. Calom Jones. Mrs. Emma Smith of Richmond Ind., is the guest of Mrs. Cowell.

Loyal Legion Meeting.

Zanesville, O., Special.—The Men's Social club (the new name for the Golden Leaf club) gave an opening entertainment at their rooms on N. Fifth street, the 12th inst. The K. of P. orchestra, assisted by the Aeolian quartette, will give a grand recital at Olympia hall Wednesday evening, April 16th. The District Council of the Loyal Legion of Labor, met at St. Paul A. M. E. church last Sunday. Addresses were made by Prof. Mitchel, Rev. A. M. Thomas, Joseph Barnett, Mrs. Mary Smith and Mrs. Jane Tolliver, of Cambridge. An entertainment was given by Myrtle Lodge No. 44, K. of P., at Odd Fellows' hall, Tuesday evening. Mrs. Sadie Williamson, of Lisbon, O., has returned home. Mrs. Harry Tubers, of W. Main street, is quite ill. Mrs. John Singer is quite ill at her home in Muskingum street. The "Four C.'s" were entertained by Miss Maria Williamson on the 14th. Rev. G. W. Maxwell and Mrs. John Duling attended the district conference last week at Lancaster, O.

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1900 —ROUTE— 1901

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS.—Oklahoma, March, 16; Ft. Worth Tex., 18; Waco, 21; Temple, 22. San Antonia, Tex., 23 24; Austin, 25; Galveston, 26; Houston 27; Beaumont, 28; Lake Charles, La., 29.

'LADY AFRICA."—St. Louis, Mo., March, 24-30,

RUSCO & HOLLAND'S Minstrel—Washington, Elwood, Ind., March, 22; Anderson, 24; Alexander, 25; Marion, 26; Logansport, 27; Plymouth, 28; Valparaiso, 29; Hammond 30, (Home Sweet Home.)

THE GREAT MCKANLASS CO.—Lethbridge, N. W. T. March, 1. Nelson B. C. 10; Kaslo 11; Slocan City, 15. Eholt, 22; Phoenix, 24; Greenwood, 25

Skimmer Harris sends regards to all friends.

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The Prampins, cornet duettists are at 1019 Pacific avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

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To the long lost friend:—Does it look as if I had forgotten you? "Not quite." —T. L.

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John Singleton sends regards to Harry Prampton and wife and Billy Kersands and wife.

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Kid Alston is in Kansas City, Mo. at Blossom House. He sends regards to all friends.

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The Oriental Quartette of the Price-Barth Minstrels are singing, "I wonder if She's Waiting.

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To Mr. Kid Alston:—We don't have any snow down here; how is your raglan?—Tom Logan.

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To Al and Mamie Holman:—Why don't you both go into the Chapter? Not scared are you?—Tom Logan.

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To J. Harry Jackson—When you have time and can spare four cents we would like a line!—'Sam" & "Grundy."

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Prof. John Campbell and his band are rehearsing two nights out of every week preparing for their summer engagement.

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LaShe, supreme novelty, slack wire artist has signed with Gideon's Big Minstrel carnival as special feature for next season.

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Geo. Bryant, band master Gideon's Big Ministers sends regards to Chas. Hunter and would like to hear from Edward O. Green.

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Good looking soubretts who are not afraid to work can do well by communicating with Tom Logan, Mascotte Theatre, Tampa, Fla.

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Price-Barth's Great Jubilee Minstrels are touring the West with great success. Barth and Thomas, knockabout comedians are making a great hit, pleasing the public with their own songs: "You Isn't Recognized Without you Wear an Automobile," and "Why They Don't Allow Me in Wall Street," They are showing at the Ashland Theatre San Francisco, Cal., with an overpacked house each night.

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Ralph Nichols leader of orchestra with Gideon's Big Minstrel Carnival sends regards to Frank Clermont, Louisa Logan and Wm. Hallback.

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Several good soubrettes can get splendid booking, pleasant engagement and a long season by applying quick to the Mascotte, Theatre, Tampa, Fla.

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After three weeks engagement, the team of Inman and Moore are at leisure. They are stopping in Atlanta. Address 10 Ivy street. Regards to friends.

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McCarver, Reed & McCarver open over the Orpheum Circuit at Kansas City, Mo, week of March 16, 1902. They send regards to all friends also the little one night's boys.

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Chas. W. Black, the violin virtuoso, of the vapor city of Hot Springs, Ark. is busy daily entertaining visitors from every direction of the United States with his band and orchestra. Henry F. Foster general agent.

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Tom Logan, general manager of the Mascotte Theatre, Tampa, Fla., wants to hear from Lillian Garay, Emma Thompson, Laura Moss, Bertha Stone, Katie Carter, Bessie Gillam, Tenia Mizelle, Zoe Ball and other professional ladies.

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Tom Logan sends regards to Daddy Love, Father Henderson Smith, "Bronze Green," Foy and Green, Des Williams, Bob Russell, J. Harry Jackson, Robinson and Deas, Palm Carroll, Thornton Sisters, Carrie Roper, Kid Frazier, A. David Byrd, May Hicks and other good people.

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Samuel Wiggins, leading baritone with the Western Star Jubilee Singers who arrived home from Earlville, N. Y. very sick with rheumatism, three weeks ago is able to be around again. After riding around in blizzards and cold weather all the winter he says, "I don't care to see so much snow again. Regards to all my friends.

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Notes from Gideon's Big Minstrel Carnival:—We are still in Iowa. Business is good Mr. Peacock, our businesss manager is completing arrangements for next season. Wm. H. Jones trombone soloist is introducing his new act, "The Silly Kid," and is meeting with great success. Many boys who have been with the company write to Mr Gideon as follows: "Let Me Bring My Clothes Back Home."

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Ed. L. Anderson, of Gideon's Minstrel Carnival writes:—"I am still with the Student Doctors, but have changed my work somewhat on account of the absence of Eli Rice. I am singing, "Down in the Deep Let Me Sleep When I Die," and leading the Hottentot drill with my lady Hottentot assisted by Manzie Campbell. Regards to Dick Thomas, Jas. Lacy, Clarence Jones, Mr. Cudge and friends in and out of the "biz."

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Notes from Mahara's Minstrels:—We are nearing the close, having about seven more weeks before we finish our long and successful season. The weather is fine and we are doing nicely. Everybody is in good health and spirits. Mr. Billy Young our refined singing comedian and clasic entertainer is doing some clever work this season and when the thermometer of laughter is down to the freezing point in the audience. He always manages to raise it to a fever heat of excitement. Jerry Barnes, Billy's opposite end partner is the really funny man of the show and is conceeded by press and public to be a comedian of rare merit. Young and Barnet contemplate doing a nice line of work next summer in Chicago, Cleveland and a few of the big cities. Their act is of such a merritorious nature that their success is assured at their first appearance. We send regards to all friends and well wishers.

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Clarksville Tenn., notes:—In comparison, the old adage, "Xmas Comes but once a year, then we give it good cheer, might be applied to Richards and Pringles Famous Georgia Minstrels who played to S. R. O. business at Elder's Opera house, Thursday March 6. From the time the troubadours landed on Clarksville soil till the time it gave its mammoth and dazzling street parade, the streets were filled with men, women and children that resembled the Bibical number that John saw. When the band came through the principal streets the deafening cheers that filled the air sounded like echos in the distance. A stampede was narrowly averted when the populace began to file into the the theatre. When the curtain rose at 8 20 p. m. the performers were greeted by the most enthusiastic audience that it had appeared before in the volunteer state. The show was clean, bright and crisp from start to finish; rich, rare and racy. Billy Kersands, the grand old man, together with his wife made the same hit as of Yore. Clarence Powell Dick Thomas, "Frosty" Moore, Bailey and Spiller, Marsh Craig, H. A. Brown, McKissick and Jones, W. H. Cooper, combined with the lesser lights gave a performance worth twice the admission charged. Prof. Lacy's orchestra added new laurels to his store. A more orderly set of gentlemanly colored men never visited here before. W. L. Johnson, the Freeman's representative was favorably impressed with them. Tom Cross joined the aggregation at Chattanooga.

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Notes from Stetson's Big Uncle Toms' Cabin, No. company:—Business remains the same. We are nearing our closing which will be on or about the 4th of May, prior to the o ening of the usual summer season which occurs in Pittsburg, Pa. Our business in Wattertown was phenomenal, matinee and night. The Wattertown Post says Mr. Fred Bennett as Uncle Tom was more effectual than we have seen in quite a while. "Josephine My Joe" by Voutilzer, staged by Geo. Thomas, is one of the strongest features of our program. Miss Lillian Weathers was called very suddenly to Brooklyn, N. Y., on account of the death of her only sister. The remains were intered at Richmond, Va. Miss weathers has the sympathy of her many professional friends. L. W. Washburn's combined shows open on or about the 12th of May and promises many new and novel features. Wm. S. LeVard "the Black Millionaire" has been engaged as an especial feature. While in Watertown, N. Y, Fred Bennett and Geo. S. Thomas were entertained by Mr. LeVard. Miss Alice Gray with her Military Band is booking summer parks. She witl open about the 30th of May playing all the principal parks of New England.

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J. Harry Jackson sends the following from New York:—Ernest Hogan, the well known comedian arrived in the city last week from Honolulu where his company played to fair business. Hogan appeared at the New York Theatre Sunday night and met with a great reception. He left early Monday morning for Cleveland O., where he is filling an engagement this week. He was accompanied by Shepard N. Edmonds, the clever song writer.—Murphy and Slater are receiving much applause, this week at Keith's Union Square Theatre. They are two hard working boys and deserve success.—The Brittons have returned to New York.—Margaret Scott is at the Atlantic Garden this week.—Billy Johnson, Harry Brown, Bob Cole, Shepard N. Edmonds and Ernest Hogan were at the New York Theatre Sunday night. J. J. Smith, the popular entertainer at Lee Robinson's Cafe, on 31st street is singing with much success all of the very latest songs. Step in and hear him. The Moxleys-Joe and Amy-are at the Clarendon Music Hall this week, with the Lyceum Theatre Brooklyn to follow. "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was produced in Jewish at the People's Theatre, last Friday. S. H. Dudley had charge of the colored people.—R. J. Jose and his big chorus of sixty voices were at the Orpheum Theatre, Brooklyn last week making a big hit.—Manager Oscar Hammerstein announces that he will have a separate balcony for colored people in his new Drury Lane Theatre, now in course of construction.—The Moxleys send regards to Tom Logan, James Love and Henderson Smith.—Miss Ada Chapman and James Alexander are pleasing large audiences at Johnson and Davis' club on 32nd streetly nightly.—Simpson & Pittman have returned to New York. The Day Sisters-Ida and Bertha-are creating a sensation this week at Hubers 14th Street Theatre in a clever singing and dancing act.—Smart and Williams the favorites were a big hit at the Auditorium, Newark, N. J. Sunday night. They are appearing this week at Hurtig & Seamon's Harlem Music Hall and are bringing down the house as usual.—Billy Bradley, of Bradley and Bradley is making active preparation for the coming season with the Forepaugh-Sells Bros. Shows. He sends regards to P. G. Lowery.—Ed. Furber, of Furber & Davis is getting along nicely and hopes soon to join his partner. He sends regards to Sam Davis and all friends. Winfred Day, the clever musical director is arranging some nice melodies for the coming season. He will be with one of the big "gags."—Williams & Walker and company are at The Bijou Brooklyn, this week.

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DUMAS DRAMATIC CLUB

Word comes from St. Louis under date of March 20 of a recent organization which we hope will reflect credit upon the promoters. The Dumas Dramatic Club, an organization composed of a few of St. Louis' most prominent ladies and gentlemen will in the near future produce the five act drama, "Bound by an Oath." This play was first produced by the Thespian Society of Boston, Mass., and abounds in pathos and thrilling climaxes. Chas. A. Hunter, well known in the past to the professional stage is in the capacity of stage manager and if his ideas are adhered to we feel safe in predicting the club's success from a dramatic standpoint. The business end of the club is ably managed by Julius Ficklin assisted by Marion Brooks. This enterprise deserves the hearty appreciation and liberal patronage of all the colored people of the city. This form of entertainment is a deviation from the usual form of entertainments given by the colored people and should be encouraged. It is time we should be trying to get away from coon song singing and cake walking and to enter the more exalted realms of drama or operetta. Would that more such clubs would organize and prosper as it has a tendency to elevate the Negro upon the stage.

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Notes from Geyer Bros, Big Colored Minstrels:—We are now organizing for our fourth summer and fall season under canvass. This show has just closed the past season of 9 months and does not owe a dollar to any person and there is a good bank account left for a rainy day. We carry two bands in our own train of Pullman cars and as fine a looking colored show as there is in the world. Nearly all the people of the past season will be with the show the coming season which will open at Lexington, Mo, May 5.

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Minstrels, Comedians and Singers.

[Under the above headline will appear a series of articles concerning Negro celebrities of the past and present as they have been remembered by the writer. The articles will be critical as well as complimentary. We make this last remark becau e colored folks generally wish to have their vanity tickled altogether instead of a stitch taken in their conceit now and then. Other Negro celebrities are to follow.—Ed]

In taking note of the recent deaths of Manager J. H. Haverly, Billy West, Billy Emerson, John Queen, Billy Rice and Neal Bryant, recalls the names of several genuine Negro minstrels, living and dead, who were accumulating fame and money about the time the sun had begun to hide his face behind the genius and affluence of old Dan. Rice, familiarly racalled as "Daddy," Dan. Emmett, the Christy's, Happy Cal Wagner and Hughey Dougherty. The sun had begun to glimmer upon the horizon of these old-time luminaries when Billy Kersands, (who, by-the-way, must be about 1,000 years old, and is still as youthful and chipper as when he first blinked before the footlights), James Bland, Billy Robinson, Tom McIntosh, Pete Devonear and the Bohee Bros. were in undisputed glory. A trifle later came Charley and Ben Hunn and Burrell Hawkins.

A minstrel is not necessarily a comedian, and Billy Kersands, while taking high rank as one of the genuine Negro Georgias, was never a good comedian. A gag or pun that Kersands used to get off, and which impressed itself upon our memory in childhood, is this, which has done duty in every almanac except Ira Hicks's, and which was refused a back-page insertion in Frank Cushman's minstrel guide: "Say, Mr. Jones, (years ago the end man called every interlocutor Mr. Jones, Mr. Johnson or Mr. Brown), when was beef the highest?" "I give it up, Billy; when was beef the highest?" "Why—er—when the cow jumped over the moon." Every joke we have ever heard Kersands work off is something like the beef gag. Kersands came into prominence as a minstrel principally through his execution of "The Ole Virginny Essence," which he originated, and over whose copyright probably no one would wish to dispute. We are almost afraid to go to see Kersands any more lest he break out with "The Ole Virginny Essence." It is almost as proverbial with him as his desire used to be to sing "Shoo, Fly, Don't Bother Me."

James Bland was a good minstrel, though ahead of the times. He graduated from Oxford College, England, and was quite a bright chap. He did a monologue stunt, but insisted on crowding new ideas into it, and was frowned upon by the Gag Trust, which at that time considered it a breach of etiquette of minstrelsy to venture beyond the beef pun and other almanac treasures. Bland discarded antiquities and steered clear of the Southern hoe-down, and was not appreciated. If Bland were alive to-day, he would find more appreciative auditors in our theater-going citizenship. He was just twenty years ahead of the times.

The dialogue between the interlocutor and Billy Robinson used to be a bright bit of buffoonery in connection with this minstrel's performance. His repartee at the "middle man's" expense, and always recited extemporaneously, was delectable as well as refreshing; but it came very near incurring the ill-will of the Gag Trust whose members had sworn to retain the storm-beaten puns that had grown decrepit and infirm from exposure. Another thing to Billy Robinson's credit: He was a better singer than the average end man in ye olden time.

Tom McIntosh is best remembered as the man with the unusually large mouth who used to put an entire newspaper in it to make people laugh. And he usually succeeded. As soon as McIntosh stepped upon the stage, the people would begin to nudge each other and exclaim: 'Now, watch him; that man puts a whole newspaper in his mouth! Isn't it wonderful?" And the posters used to say that McIntosh got $300 a week for a little act like that! But that was long before they were getting out such large newspapers as the New York Sunday Journal, the Chicago Sunday Tribune, the St. Louis Sunday Post-Dispatch and the Indianapolis Saturday Evening News. But Tom McIntosh was and is still a good minstrel.

Pete Devonear is probably remembered as a shouter of old-time Negro melodies and Burrell Hawkins as one of the best soft shoe dancers we have ever had. The Bohee Bros. were dancers to whom the Mallory Bros. made one give a latter thought. The Mallory Bros. were always neat, genteel and refined in their work, and the Bohees could be given no greater compliment than to be put into the same class with the Jacksonville (Ill.) boys.

Perhaps the most interesting study in Negro minstrelsy was Charley Hunn, who married Miss May Bohee, formerly of Sam. T. Jack's Creoles. Hunn was found dead in bed in Providence, R. I., several years ago. He was an excellent minstrel—in fact, a comedian—and one of the cleverest drum majors the world has produced. One of his other features was to stand on a small piece of paper, while doing a stunt called "Foot Notes," and turn a back flip flop, alighting on the same spot off which he had sprung. While there was a heated discussion going on a few years ago as to who wrote the first real coon song, some writer almost closed the argument by boldly coming forward and claiming Charley Hunn was responsible for it. It was called "I'm the Father of a Little Black Coon," and the first four lines ran something like this:

"I'm the father of a little pickanniny,
My first and only little boy;
Whose birthplace was down in ole Virginny,
And some folks say he is my pride and joy."

The family of Hunns was an interesting group. Old man Hunn was a Baptist preacher, and divided his time between two "charges"—one at Leavenworth and another at Atchison, Kas. It is said of the old man that he never rode on the cars, but always walked from one "charge" to another, and was wont to say "Well, I guess I'll step up to Atchison to-day," or "Well, I guess I'll step down to Leavenworth," as if he were merely "stepping" across street! To survive the old man and Charley there are Mrs. Dora Reed and a married sister living at Colorado Springs, both daughters and sisters; James Hunn, a dancer, and Ben Hunn, who also married one of Sam. T. Jack's Creoles—Miss Florence Briscoe.

I. MCCORKER.

Newsy Points From Shelby.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special.—Miss Clara Dudley was in Indianapolis last Sunday. Mrs. Warren Good and Miss Viola Dodd were called to Cincinnati to see a relative who was seriously ill. C. Montgomery will visit relatives in Anderson this week. The Young Men's Christian Reform Society will convene Sunday afternoon in the Second Baptist church. Miss Minnie Miller has returned to this city to reside. Mr. Small of Indianapolis, was in the city Sunday. A social was given last Saturday night at Mrs. Sarah Owens. The Second Baptist church has purchased a new organ and chairs for the choir which proves to be satisfactory. Club No. 3, will meet at Mrs Sarah Owens Monday night; an interesting debate will be given.

SONGS AND SINGERS.

John T. Kelly has just completed a new ballad entitled "After Years" which he has placed with his publishers M. Witmark & Sons.

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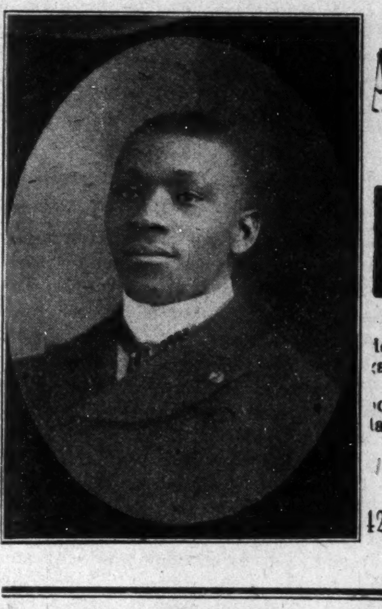

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The Church

REV. EDWARD L. GILLIAM, EDITOR

INDIANAPOLIS NOTES

The Spring weather has had an inspiring influence upon the churches and many persons, who have not been attending services are turning out.

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The city campaign, for candidates on the Republican ticket has closed The Baptist ministers alliance endorsed some of them and several Baptist preachers took active part in the campaign. On the other hand the Minister's Union which is composed of most of the Methodist, Christian and Presbyterian pastors adopted resolutions condemning ministerial activity in political campaigns and no member of the Association took an active part in the campaign.

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Bishop Alexander Walters, D. D. of the A. M. E. Zion church, arrived in the city on Friday last. He preached on Sunday at the Blackford St Church, also at Walter's Chapel. The churches tendered him a reception on Friday evening. Rev. E. L. Gilliam delivered a short address of welcome.

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Bishop Abram Grant, D. D., of the A. M. E. church was in the city a few days last week. He resides at 34th and N. Penn. streets.

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The Christian church, under the pastorate of Rev. H. L. Herrod is enjoying a period of unprecedented prosperity and agressiveness.

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The Baptist Ministers meetings are held every Monday morning at the Mt. Zion Baptist church. The Methodist, Presbyterian and Christian preachers meet every Wednesday at 2 p. m. in Simpson Chapel.

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Rev. R. J. Perkins has been conducting a revival at the Second Baptist church. Rev. Chambers closed a very successful meeting at Blackford street, church with 48 conversions. Rev. L. Ratliff of the St. Paul church is engaged in a revival as is also the Rev. H. L. Herrod at the Christian church.

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Secretary Moreland of the Y. M. C. A. spent several days in the city last week He came to organize the Young Men's Prayer Band into a full fledged Y. M. C. A.

AFRICA AND THE AMERICAN NEGRO.

Large sums of money are annually expended, by every Christian denomination, on missionary enterprises in Africa This is right and should be continued until the Gospel of Jesus Christ shall have been preached unto every in habitant of that dark and benighted land. It seems, however that a very serious blunder has been made by most of these churches. They have been offering up on the altars of their convictions and love of humanity many of their sons and daughters, 90 per cent of whom were Caucasians. There can be no question but that the bringing of the Negro from Africa, his schooling for nearly 306 years in bondage, his constact contact with the white man and his aptitude in "taking in" all that he has touched, these have eminently fitted him to make the best missionaries to to his Fatherland. There is no doubt as to his ability to make the best of missionaries. He has the stuff in him He made a goood soldier and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit would make good missionaries. The Baptist, Methodist and Episcopal churches have many consecrated men and women in Africa and among them a large number of our race, and much good will follow their labors. The hour is at hand when the American Negro should prepare himself to lift up his brother in Africa. The future holds out a great promise for this great land, and people. It is no longer shut up and dark, The railroad, telegraph, and telephone have partially opened it and lighted.

Africa is no little island. It contains nearly four times the number of acres as are in America, Its soil is fertile; climate in many sections healthful and land cheap. Corn, cotton. sugar, rice, rubber, petroleum, iron, gold, peanuts coffee, oranges, etc. are to be found in abundance. While it would be a calamity for the Negro to emigrate to Africa wholesale, there ought to be a larger number of consecrated, educated industrious Negroes sent out as missionaries by the great Protestant churches and upon the methodist and Baptist churches more than any others, devolves this duty.

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SIMPSON CHAPEL NOTES.

To-morrow marks the last Sunday in the Conference year and the pastor will leave for Cincinnati on Wednesday. The year has been one of fair success and no complaint was heard, except from that class that has done nothing at all through the year to aid in the work. Generals Rogister and Boyer of the red and white rose armies have been marshalling their for the final rally to-morrow and and expect to report at least, $500.00 The Church Aid and Sewing Circle have done grand work, throughout the year and have added much to the measure of success acheived. They will contribute to the rally. The year's work will show a material decrease in the indebtedness. 95 additions to the church and every department thoroughly organized. Plans are on foot looking to a systematic method of meeting the expenses and indebtedness another year and as the quarterly conference unanimously requested the return of the pastor, no change is expected. Easter Sunday will be observed in a suitable manner. The pastor will send some member of the annual Conference from Cincinnati to preach that day. Supt., Bybee is arranging the Easter program. On Sunday following the choir will render a song service at night. President G. L. Knox, and Miss Mittie Boulden promise to push the senior and junior Epworth Leagues during the coming year. Don't fail to attend the services to-morrow. It is rally day and also the pastor's last Sunday in the Conference year. Rev. D. J. Donahoo will preach at 11 a. m., Rev. L W. Ratcliff at 3 p. m., and the pastor at 8 p. m. Come and bring your friends.

REV. DR LEE AND THE NEGRO.

The Rev. James, W. Lee, D. D., pastor of the St. Jonh's M. E. church South, of St. Louis in a recent discussion of the Negro problem said many things with which we cannot agree but special attention is directed to the following with which we are in hearty accord. He says:

"One thing we know beyond a doubt the Negro is here and another, it is time we may all may as well know that he is here to stay. We can not deport him and work his problem out in Africa; we can not concentrate him into some single state or group of states and work it out there, We must take him just where he is and scattered as he is mainly over the states which once united to form the Southern Confederacy, and work it out there. In despair of seeing any solution of the Negro problem, certain colored leaders and not a few white people have proposed the scheme of wholesale deportation to Africa. This is impossible, but were it feasable, it is wrong. It is a short-cut and wholesale method of ridding the country of a great duty and a great responsibility. The Negro must remain in training with the white race here steadily until his natural tendencies are superced by a higher nature, that when the days of his probation are ended he may go forth as teacher, as preacher, as mechanic and as a capable and God-fearing man, to do the work in Africa for which God seemingly so marvelously raised him up and so strangely kept him and trained him The people of the North and of the South must learn to be patient with one another and especially must both learn to be patiet with the Negro. We have all gained much knowledge since 1865, but if we are patient and sweet and tender and kind, God will teach us a great deal more."

The Bishop's Council of the A. M. E. Zion Church which was held at Little Rock, Ark., March, 8th 1902 closed with grand success to the church.

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN ?

A Christian, then is one in whom Christ is formed by the miracle of regeneration, and through whom Christ is manifested before the eyes of the world, and with whom Christ co operates in the work of saving men, and to whom Christ grants a fellowship in his suffering.

The nature of Christian life is Christ's life taking hold upon all the inner life of man, changing, dominating, impulsing; and Christ's life blossoming in character and bearing fruit in conduct. Neither of these aspects of Christian life must be forgotten. The holding of the doctrine of regeneration never saved a man or made him a Christian. Neither can a man become a Christian by endeavoring to reproduce the Christly character and conduct. As well try to grow tulips without bulbs, or, on the other hand, without placing the bulbs in the condition of soil which bring forth life. As is the root to the fruit, so is the new life to the new character and conduct. A root treasured as a root and never planted is utterly valueless, so also is a doctrine of new birth held in the realm of intellect and never buried in the heart and will.

Yet these facts are related as cause and effect. Let a man yield himself to Christ, and straightway the waiting Christ takes possession and that man becomes a Christian in the hidden center of his being. Now let him yield day by day and hour by hour to the new promptings and desires created by the indwelling of Christ, and he shall become to the utmost reach of the circumference of his life a Christian. This outward fact men will see, and so know of the inward.

Never try to begin to be a Christian at the circumference of things. Be a Christian by letting Christ have possession of the center.—Rev. G. Campbell Morgan in The Congregationalist.

"OLD HANDKERCHIEF HEAD" CHRISTIAN.

There are but few who know the true meaning of the terms "Old Handkerchief Head," and there are not many of that class remaining, nearly all of them have passed into the realm of the great beyond. They bore, or had applied to them also the name of "The old slavery time christian;" and the very association of the idea of "slavery" excites the same emotion of both contempt and disgust in the mind of the latter day Negro and prompts his prejudice, as that of the white man toward the Negro, who suffered its degradation in the past and rated a social inferior in the present.

The places of meeting then were humble, simple and cheaply—plain, furnished with rude seats, generally no backs to them. Even then many of the small chaps were not allowed the honor of a seat on them, but were grouped about the altar. Those old worshippers gathered early and were not much concerned about the length, either of service or sermon, but more in the act of devotion and hearing the minister, freely contributing to the cause they really loved.

They were conspicuous. They peculiarly honored and revered the sacrament occasion. On this day they could be seen coming and going in all directions; the women wore a spotless white handkerchief, turban like, upon the head and another about the neck. In the church they filled the seats about the altar and not one was seen or allowed to sit apart elsewhere. The wearing of these handkerchiefs were symbols of innocence and christian purity; they were worn to grace and honor the sacramental occasion—to honor Christ and his church; and in spite of the coarse jests and ridicule, were not ashamed; at the same time strictly conforming to the order of church discipline and service.

To day new fads, forms and fashions are the "up-to-drte" idea. "Old handkerchief head!" is a contemptuous term for the early and simple forms of church loyalty and devotion. There is a modified but just as conspicuous, "handkerchief-head in honor of a meaner cause, if not more ridiculous. It is common to see large numbers of our women parading the streets, filling the churches with a peculiar kind of head and body dress of somber white and black, sashes about the waist or shoulders, etc.; many of them are abominable imitations of the Masonic, Odd Fellow or some other prominent society. The pastor scarcely can conduct the service for the loud banging of a wooden maul in the hands of a woman, who with as many as can get in, immodestly crowd inside the altar. If the minister requests them to stand, they sit. The beautiful and time honored funeral service is put aside as meaningless and worthless and a conglomeration of their own adopted and used; hence the church is to a great extent ignored even by its professed followers in these societies.

Here is the contrast: "The old handkerchief head" adorned and turned out to honor Christ and his church; the "up to-date" society adorn and turn out in honor of a dead body (irregardless of past life) and their society. Is it difficult to judge which of the two is more honorable?

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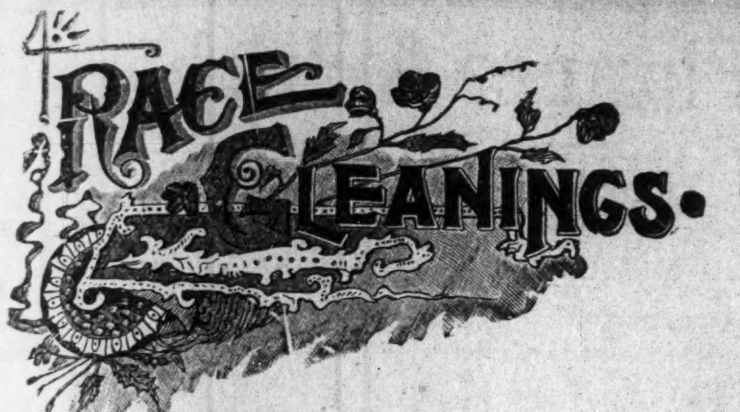
RACE GLEANINGS.

A plucky little colored woman, Madame Helene Noble, went to Paris, and under the very creators of fashion studied dressmaking and corset making. She is in New York now in the corset business.

The colored women's clubs are organized in twenty-six states

Collector Craft, of Louisvilley, Ky., has appointed the following colored store-keepers since he has been in office: J. E. Givens, A. B McAfee, L. Bell, A. M. Winnis, Prof. James F. Gray, and C. B. Jones. All of them are now on duty drawing $4 00 per day.

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Mrs. J. Silone Yates, President of the National Association of Colored Women, who is now on an itinerary which inclubes the principal cities of the North and East, has been invited to address the Social Economic Club of Chicago, Ill This is one of the largest and most influential clubs in the Northwest, and Mrs. Dr. Dickerson is president. She will speak before this club about the last of this month, and will be the guest of a prominent white member of the club during her sojourn in Chicago.

One of the largest dry goods stores in Montgomery, Ala., is owned by a colored man who begun life as a porter, and made it a rule never to save less than half his wages.

A woman's organization in Dallas, Tex., is named in honor of Booker T. Washington.

The Maryland State Board of Medical Examiners announced recently the results of the examinations during the past year of candidates to practice medicine in that state. Of the 114 averages published, the highest was attained by a colored physician, Dr H. Stanton McCard, who opened an office some months ago in South Baltimore. His average was 94⅛, next to the highest ever made since the establishment of the board seven years ago. All but seven of the 114 examined received averages below 90. Dr. McCard is a graduate of the University of Chicago. By his remarkable examination he has maintained the high standard set by the colored physicians who have previously come before the board, and has reflected considerable honor upon his race.

The National Negro Business League will meet this year at Richmond, Va., in August, and it is of the utmost importance that there should be a very large representation present, larger than the Boston or Chicago representation. How is this to be secured? Our business men and women all along the line should begin to organize now in their several localities, and not wait until a short time before the August meeting.

News Items from Virginia.

Covington, Va., Special.—Mrs. Parthena Reynolds of Gala, Va., visited Mrs. J. E. Wheeler. Mrs. M. L. Jackson of Lexington, Va, is visiting relatives for a few days. Rev. Young, pastor of the M. E. church, attended conference at Washington, D. C. The Kings Daughters done noble work for the poor and needy during the cold weather. Andrew Harris and Charles Hall have gone to Hot Springs, Va. Dr. Walter Johnson is the first colored physicsan to locate here. Rev. W. J. Hackett, pastor of First Baptist church, with choir and congregation conducted the services at the Second Baptist church rally Sunday, March 16. Covington is a prosperous town with an inhabitance of two thousand, about one-third of whom are colored The town is situated on the main line of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, and has a machine shop, paper mill, tannery and iron furnace which employ a large number of laboring men, one half of whom are colored. Miss Eugean Rounds is the agent for The Freeman. Leave orders for paper or news items at her home, United Endowment Society office, Reynold's building. Mrs. Nora Callender is able to be up again. The Good Samaritans gave a successful entertainment. The young ladies' 400 club gave an elegant social and luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Newsom. Miss Nellie Watson has improved so much as to be able to be out. Mrs. Carrie B. Johnson will leave for Hot Springs soon.

Dyersburg News Notes.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.—The Rev. Christal, pastor of A. M. E Zion church of Evansville, Ind., having not seen his relatives and friends in about twenty years, gave the members of C. M. E. church two excellent sermons. Mrs. Mollie Jordon died on Thursday night, March 6. She left three children and two grand children. Miss Effie Alston and Mr. Samuel White were united in marriage on Thursday, March 6. There was a warm reception given at the school house last week, beginning Monday morning and continuing until Friday evening, known as examination. Rev. Christal gave to the members and friends of Tabernacle Baptist church on Wednesday night, March 5, another one of his inspiring sermons. Mr. Alexander died on Sunday, March 9. He leaves a wife and four children.

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K. of P.'s Annual Sermon.

Newport, Ark., Special.—Sir W. M. Moore died on the 8th and his funeral was held on the 9th at St. Paul A. M. E. church. His remains were laid to rest by the K. of P.'s of which he was a member. The K. of P.'s will hold their Thanksgiving services at St Paul A. M. E. church to-morrow. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. S. E. Johnson. Prof. E. Craigen is very ill. Miss Nellie Lacks has returned to her home in Aronton, Mo, after a visit to her uncle in this city. Bailey Owens has gone to Little Rock. Mrs. Lottie Smith has returned from Hot Springs. The following officers have been elected at the A. M. E. Sunday school: D. L. Cooper, superintendent; Miss Ethel Woolly, secretary; Miss Bessie King, librarian The Freeman is for sale at 616 East street and McEwen's barber shop.

News Notes.

Carrollton, Mo., Special.—Dr. R. L. Beal preached at the A. M. E. church Sunday, March 9. We hope the Gallatin girls will visit us oftener. The Second Baptist church will soon have money enough to commence their parsonage. The Freeman is still on sale. I would like to increase my subscribers.

Mobile Dots.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—The Big Zion church and the St. Emanuel A. M. E. church is carrying on a revival. Mr. James Hamilton, one of Mobile's oldest and well esteemed citizens, died on Friday, March 7, and was buried by the Independent Order of Love and Charity from State street A. M. E. Zion church on Sunday, March 9. The K. of M.'s ball, Thursday, March 13, was a grand success.

News Notes.

Buffalo, N. Y. Special—The Amity Club was entertained by Mrs Patterson Tuesday evening A large number were out and the ladies heartily enjoyed their lunch as well as the meeting. The J. O. B. were entertained by Miss Gertrude Neal last week and the next hostes will be Miss Madeline Patterson. The parlor social held at Mrs. Hardy's was a grand success. The house was crowded and one with half eyes could see that enjoyment reigned. Mr. Daniel Young of Jamestown, N. Y. has his ice house full this winter.

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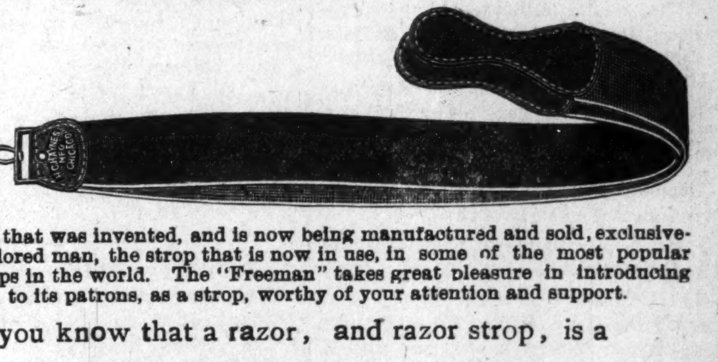

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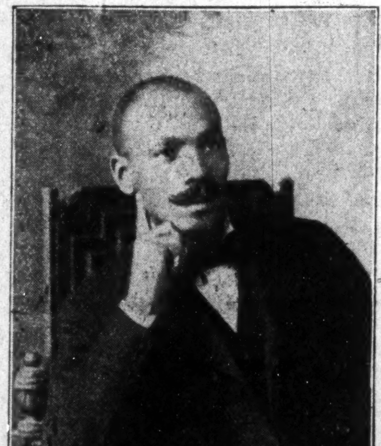

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..CITY NOTES..

Miss Maude Bass is out again after a week's illness.

Miss Daisy Walker spent Sunday in Franklin, Ind.

The Zenda club danced at Odd Fellows' hall last Friday night.

Little Marion Shelton, after two weeks' illness is able to be out again.

Mr. Brooks and family of Kane, Pa., have come to the city to live permanently.

Allen Chapel church and Sunday-school are preparing an elaborate program for Easter.

Pat Smith of Marshall, Ill., is in the city, at the home of Mrs. Thos. Steward who is seriously ill.

John Jones has returned home from Louisville, Ky., where he went to bury his sister, Mrs. Reed.

Mathew Housley of Cincinnati will be the guest of Miss Maude Bass in Fayette street, next week.

A final entertainment, literary and musical, will be given on Tuesday evening at Simpson Chapel.

Mrs. Alice C. Scott, left Monday for her home in Cincinnati on account of serious illness of her mother.

Mrs. Mattie Miller and baby of Danville, Ill., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Carter Smith, 825 Camp street.

The Rev. J. H. Johnson of Rockville, Ill., is at the bedside of his mother, Mrs. Thos. Stewart, in Center street.

Bishop Grant lectured at Wayman Chapel last Monday evening. His subject was "The Duty of the Hour."

Mr. Horace Rawls of Crawfordsville, Ind., and Miss Katie C. Carroll, of this city, were quietly married Sunday.

Messrs. Chas. Bailey, Edward Smith and James Bayless in company with H. Munce, all of Muncie, Ind., were Freeman callers Tuesday.

The Rev. E. L. Gilliam will lecture in the Court House, Rushville, Ind., on Monday evening. Subject "The Negro in American Civilization."

The Flanner Guild Delsarte class met last Monday night at the Flanner Guild. This class will give an entertainment in Franklin, Ind., Tuesday, March 25.

A surprise party was given Mrs. Ora Reed, 749 W. Walnut street, last Saturday evening. A lovely luncheon was served, and every one seemed to enjoy themselves.

Revs. G. A. Sissle, E. L. Gilliam and G. E. Board will leave for the Annual Conference, which convenes in Mt. Zion M. E. church, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio, next Wednesday morning.

Miss Wyetta Williams was called home last Thursday to attend the funeral of her little cousin, Miss Mattie Golden Miss Williams will return to Louisville, Ky., Tuesday morning.

Mr. David Black in Fayette street, an old resident of this city, died Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and was buried from Bethel A M. E. church on Thursday. He leaves a wife and two children.

The Ministerial Union held its regular meeting last Wednesday at 2 p m. An interesting paper on "The Proper Kind of Preaching for the Times" was read by Rev. Smith of Walter's chapel.

Chas. J. Johns, wife and son, Irvin C., have located in this city. His son, a bright 6 year old boy, has been placed in school. Mr. Johns has a splendid position, and says he intends to make this his future home.

Mr. John Carter, superintendent of Bethel A. M. E. Sunday-school, was delightfully surprised by a party given by the officers and teachers of the school on Thursday evening. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

There will be a mass meeting at Shiloh Baptist church Monday evening, March 24th, under the auspices of the W. C. M. Union. Miss N H. Burroughs, of Louisville, Ky., corresponding secretary of the Woman's National Baptist Convention, will lecture on Mission Work.

The congregation at Simpson chapel, on Sunday last, by unanimous rising vote, adopted a set of resolutions commending Congressman Crumpacker for his manly fight and splendid victory in the interest of the disfranchised Negro. G. L. Knox, Thos Rogister, Seymour Miller, Abram Tribble, W. H. Lonas and the pastor, Rev E L Gilliam, telegraphed the resolutions to Washington, D. C.

The Daughters of Sacred Heart Tabernacle No. 42 and St. Ruth Temple No 33 of S. M T.'s entertained a birthday reception in honor of Mrs Ella E. Faison a few days ago at 522 Minerva street. Many handsome and useful articles were presented her. Among the many gifts was a beautiful ornamented combination book case and writing desk by a club of ladies of said Tabernacle. About two hundred were present, and a grand time was had with our many friends. And we will say to our noble leader:

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A Newsy Point.

Elyria, O., Special.—Mrs Ethel Green was called to Cleveland March 10, to attend the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Mary Ford F Cordin of Norwalk was in the city last week visiting his daughter, Mrs. Mary McCoy and C. W. Cordin. Samuel Gant one of our oldest citizens is very ill. Miss F. Coper, G. C. Wilkinson and J. D. Randolph of Oberlin were the guests of Miss M. Donnell Sunday.

Held Successful Revival.

Smithland, Ky, Special.—Mt. Zion M E church has enjoyed a successful year under the pastorate of Rev. Scott Ward He is holding a successful revival now, which has resulted in sixteen accessions and eighteen converts. It is desired by the members and friends that Rev. Ward be returned for another year.

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Vapor City Notes.

Hot Springs, Ark, Special.—Samuel Williams, of Memphis Tenn, is here on a visit George Berchett, who has been here on an extended visit for the benefit of the waters left last week for his home in Memphis, much improved in health. Mrs. Nancy Foster of Sparrow street who was quite ill last week is much better at present. Burness Davenport of Cincinnati O., is here for the season working at the new Waverly hotel W. E. Wilkins, waiter at the Eastman is able to be up and about his duty again after a serious attack of rheumatism. Mr. John Young of Pine Bluff Ark., is here on a visit. Messrs. Z. Butler and W. H. Jones, of Memphis are in the city on a visit. Mrs. Felix Hinckles of Ozark street left Saturday for her home in Garden Ark. Granville Hancock of Little Rock, Ark. holds the important position as assistant weigher in the mail service on the Choctow route between Little Rock and Hot Springs. Louis Taylor well known in hotel circles is holding the important post as hatman at the Arlington. Henry McClinton & Saml., Washington left last week for St Louis, via. Memphis. Arthur Jones, of Dallas, Texas is here for the season. The Tuxedo entertainment given at the Odd Fellow's Hall March 14 by the Park Hotel waiter's club, was quite a swell affair as well as a financial success. W. R. Fulton is still at the K P. barber-shop, 101 Malvern avenue Henry Curvin who has charge of the dining room of the New Waverly hotel of this city with the assistance of Joe McMillan, captain of the watch and a select crew of 20 men is giving the best of satisfaction. Hon. J. C Dukes of Pine Bluff, Ark., Thad Arrington of Newport, Ark, A. D. Neely W. S. Moore, Walnut Lake, Ark., John Forcen, of St. Louis, Miss., D Barten, Colorado Springs are the arrivals of last week.

BROAD MINDED VIEWS

Of a Popular Devine in Philadelphia Pennsylvania.

While a good portion of my life is given fully to the church and to questions that are practically connected with my work as a pastor and preacher, I have always sought to avoid the evil of becoming so absorbed in my own particular sphere as to live in contemptous oblivion of the world or worlds beyond mine. I like to know something about every sphere of life among men and have always done my best to gratify this inclination.

I do not throw aside my Freeman when I have merely read the church news, I read everything that is in it.

This article is intended to call attention to two new departments of The Freeman which have become very valuable to the race One "The Waiter" and the other is "The Stage." The waiter confronts a most serious problem and his victory or defeat will mean tens of thousands of dollars to the race in pocket or out of pocket. I have put touches into many a sermon because of points gleaned from "The Waiter" and I may have done some material and practical good by it. I have sought and conversed with white hotel men and gained information because of things suggested by "The Waiter" and I have communicated what may have proven to be points of some value to leading characters among our hotel men.

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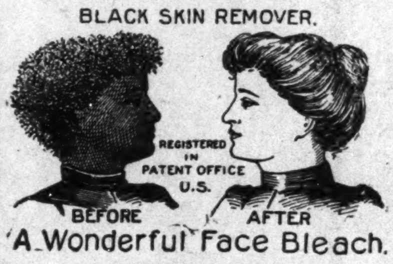
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